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MEDAL PRESENTED — F/O Charles Alexander (left) of 433 Fighter Squadron at North Bay, Ont., is presented with the Air Force Cross by AVM William R. McEachern, officer commanding Air Defence Command at St. Hubert, Que. F/O Alexander saved the life of his pilot, F/O W. C. Richards of Isle Maligne, Que., when he blacked out during a flight. Instead of baling out, Alexander stayed with the aircraft. — CP Wirephoto

# Salmon fishing season opening set by committee for June 18

## Run of 1,000,000 seen for sockeye

The salmon season on the Skeena River will be opened earlier this year, according to Pacific fisheries director W. R. Hourston today. The date set is Sunday, June 18, when four days per week will be allowed for nets of any mesh.

The Skeena Salmon Management Committee met in the Canadian Legion auditorium yesterday afternoon to hear briefs from interested parties relating to the 1961 season. It also reviewed department salmon run forecasts for 1960 and predicted a 1,000,000 sockey run with a 3,500,000 run of pinks.

The permitted catch will be 500,000 sockeye, allowing the balance for spawning; and 2,000,000 pinks, with 1,500,000 spawning, Mr. Hourston said.

These periods may be either shortened or lengthened according to conservation needs.

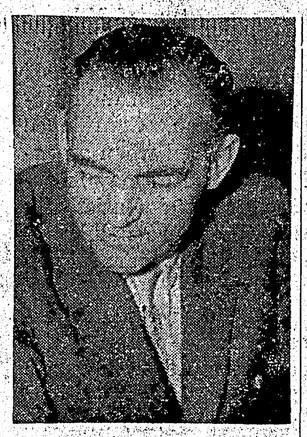
A further meeting of the committee will be held in Vancouver on February 2. After this discussion will take place relating to regulations and if changes are made they will be announced at that time, he stated.

The committee was composed of Mr. Hourston, Dr. A. W. H. Needler, biological station, Nanaimo, and F. C. Whitler, in charge of investigations, also of Nanaimo.

Those who presented briefs to the committee Wednesday included Peter Williams of Kitwancool, Harold Sinclair of Kitwanga, George Collins, United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union of Prince Rupert, Walter Harris of the Native Brotherhood, Nishga Tribal councillor Gossans, Hurbert Doolan of Aiyansh and D. F. Miller of the Canadian Fishing Co. of Prince Rupert.

The advisory board to the committee is composed of E. McMillan, R. I. Nelson, Roger Hagen, K. F. Harding, Kenneth Fraser, R. Bell--Irving, S. Adsun, and Olafur Olafson.

R. L. Gardiner, northern representative of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union of Prince Rupert, commented that, in the main, the union was satisfied with the fishing times set by the Salmon Management Committee, but the union had moved for a three-day fishing period between June 18 and July 23.



W. R. HOURSTON
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KENNEDY ADROIT

## Release of flyers tops press parley

WASHINGTON (CP)—President Kennedy dramatically announced Wednesday night the release from a Soviet jail of two survivors of an American RB-47 reconnaissance plane the Russians shot down over Arctic waters last July 1.

Kennedy made the disclosure at his first press conference as president. He also announced he was continuing the ban on U.S. espionage flights over Soviet territory.

Elated by the release of the airmen—a move that may lead to a gradual easing of the cold war—Kennedy said:

**"This action of the Soviet government removes a serious obstacle to the improvement of Soviet-American relations."**

The Soviet foreign ministry described the release—four other American flyers were killed in the shooting—as a "sincere desire to usher in a new stage" in relations between the two powers.

**CONFERENCE COLORFUL**

The press conference was a big, colorful affair. Kennedy brought the question-and-answer meeting before television screens live for the first time and staged it in the new modernistic state department auditorium. A record 418 reporters, commentators and cameramen attended.

**DELAY TO BE SOUGHT**

He had three announcements and then was ready for the reporters' fire. Release of the flyers was one. The others dealt with decisions to increase emergency American food supplies to the famine-stricken Congo and to seek a seven-week postponement in three-power negotiations to nail down a ban on nuclear tests.

Protracted nuclear ban negotiations among the United States, Britain and Russia were to resume February 7. Kennedy will try to delay them until the end of March, meanwhile setting up a fresh panel of experts to deal with the controversial issues of policing such a ban.

The two flyers, Capt. John R. McKone of Topeka, Kan., and Capt. Freeman B. Olmstead of Elmira, N.Y., now are on their way back to the United States.

Negotiations on the release were worked out in detail by Soviet Premier Khrushchev and the United States ambassador in Moscow, Llewellyn Thompson. Kennedy said the Khrushchev - Thompson discussions were friendly.

**POWERS 'DIFFERENT'**

Still behind Russian bars is U-2 spy plane pilot Francis Powers and there have been East German newspapers reports that 11 American flyers in a plane shot down in 1958 over Armenia are alive and in the hands of the Russians. Kennedy said Powers was in a different category. He had flown over Russian territory.

Asked whether he would help Red China, reported short of food, Kennedy said China was sending some food to Africa and Cuba.

**GOLD PLANS FORMED**

He said he would make proposals to Congress on the outflow of gold in a couple of weeks.

On Laos he said Russia had not replied to the British proposal for reviving an international control commission for the war-torn Southeast Asian country. The U.S. favors such a move.

On Cuba Kennedy said "we have no plan at present to resume diplomatic relations with Cuba . . ." He added that his administration is extremely interested in helping to provide a better life for Latin Americans. But he also said the United States is concerned about any effort to impose "an ideology (in Cuba) which is alien to this hemisphere."

The president said "there has been no change in my previous statement that there are no plans at the present time" for a meeting with Khrushchev.

SHADOWED BY PLANE

## Captive ship heads for African coast

SAN JUAN (AP) — Shadowed by a U.S. navy patrol plane, the captive liner Santa Maria raced toward West Africa today. U.S. destroyers set out to intercept the fugitive ship but President Kennedy said American officers had not been ordered to board her.

Portuguese rebel leader Henrique Galvao, commanding the seized liner as "occupied" Portuguese territory in his revolt launched on the high seas, announced his destination as Angola, the ancient Portuguese colony on the coast of southwest Africa.

But this could be a ruse to mislead interceptors. The Santa Maria—at last report halfway between Puerto Rico and West Africa and heading on a southeasterly course—still was in a position to swing back toward South America.

Galvao, in a radio talk with the U.S. naval pilot who tracked him down, refused to turn around and go to San Juan and bluntly told him: "Destination Angola." But he added:

"Will accept conference on board Santa Maria with U.S. authorities or any other than Portuguese or Spanish."

**WANTS PASSENGERS OFF**

The 66-year-old rebel leader, a former army captain and leading Portuguese writer, told the navy pilot, Lieut. Daniel L. Krauss, he wanted to "discharge passengers unharmed—earliest." He has aboard 600 passengers, including 38 Americans, but messages from the Americans to their families indicated they were enjoying their unexpectedly extended cruise.

Maritime experts calculated that, on its last reported course, the 20,906-ton Santa Maria could make the African coast sometime Sunday, steaming at about 480 miles a day.

## Year end quiet for fire alarms

Prince Rupert Fire Department responded to 10 calls during the month of December including one which caused $3,700 damage at 2063 Seal Cove Circle, the home of Norman Pettersen, according to the monthly fire report from Fire Chief E. W. Becker.

The report showed that the other nine calls caused only $180 in fire damage.

There were also 32 ambulance calls made by the department.

Broken down, the fire calls were divided as follows: one hot ashes; one electrical; four false alarms; one auto; one overheated stove; and two fires caused by careless smokers.

During the month, the department made inspections at seven business establishments; seven halls; four churches; and two theatres.

Testing of the city fire alarm system and the system at Atlin were carried out with both found to be in satisfactory working condition.

Chief Becker recommended that the purchase of a chain saw be made locally so that parts may be readily available.

### Picks ICA director

NEW YORK (AP) — President Kennedy has selected Henry Labouisse of Connecticut to be director of the International Cooperation Administration, the New York Times says today. In a Washington dispatch, The Times notes that Labouisse, 56, had been chosen for the same job in 1959 by former president Eisenhower.

TOROUA, New Zealand (Reuters)—A lady in her bath made a fast escape when a spring in her back yard erupted sending boiling mud a hundred feet into the air here today.

Prince Rupert has now gone 7 4 1 days without a fatal traffic accident.


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## Queen plans visit to Turkey

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip today watched a spectacular parade marking India's annual celebration of its becoming a republic.

In the two-hour pageant, modern ski troops and howitzers swept past the reviewing stand along with folk dancers—seminaked tribesmen from India's rugged northwest frontier region.

The parade, held during the first visit by a reigning British monarch to independent India, started after helicopters whirled overhead sprinkling flower petals on the estimated 2,000,000 spectators.

As the Queen and her husband were watching the spectacle it was announced they would stop off in Turkey March 6 en route home from their six-week tour of India, Pakistan, Nepal and Iraq.

The visit to Turkey, during which they will meet Turkish President Cemal Gursel, was believed to be the first by a reigning British sovereign to Turkey.

## Two on charges await sentence

Charles Hussey of no fixed address was remanded until tomorrow for sentencing when he was convicted of theft under $50 yesterday afternoon in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

Hussey was charged in connection with the theft of a car radio, valued at $16, from Superior Used Goods, 320 Second Avenue West, about 5 p.m. January 19.

Michael Wrigley of no fixed address pleaded guilty to the same charge January 21 and was remanded until tomorrow also for sentencing.

## Gibson promises drive on "dirt under carpet"

VANCOUVER (CP)—Liberal J. Gordon Gibson has promised to bare details of what he calls government graft and corruption during the legislative session which opened today.

"If I said today some of the things I intend to say in the legislature," the Liberal member for North Vancouver said Tuesday night in an address to the University of B.C. Liberal Club, "I could be sent to jail, but I will have immunity of speech in the House."

Mr. Gibson resigned from the legislature five years ago after he had said money talked in the forestry department's handling of forest management licences.

Four years later, the man who had been lands and forests minister, Robert-Sommers, went to prison for five years for bribery and conspiracy with issuance of forest management licences.

Mr. Gibson was re-elected in North Vancouver in last September's provincial general election.

He told students Tuesday:

"If you think the Queen Elizabeth Theatre affair in Vancouver (where the manager was sentenced to four years for theft of theatre funds) was a scandal, it is just peanuts compared with what would be revealed if ever there was an audit of the books in Victoria."

Questioned later, Mr. Gibson said "I haven't started to look under the carpet yet."

"But when I lift it, I know the dirt will be there. You name it — mining, railroading, any other department, I'm sure it's there."

In his speech at UBC, Mr. Gibson said:

"In the last eight years more millionaires have been made and more small men have gone broke than at any other time in the history of the province. Twenty big companies have doubled their size in the past eight years and the heads of these companies dominate the government."

## Revolt sweeps El Salvador

GUATEMALA CITY (AP)—Control of El Salvador was in doubt today following a revolt Wednesday by a self - proclaimed anti-Communist military junta and reports that supporters of the previous leftist junta were making a stand.

Troops loyal to the former ruling group were reported dug in at Zapote fort in San Salvador, strongest military post in the capital and located just across the street from the government palace held by the rebels.

A member of the new five-man junta, Antonio Rodriguez Port, broadcast over El Salvador radio that his group had full command over the armed forces. Port said his group had acted because the country faced "very serious danger" from forces of both the extreme right and extreme left.

OTTAWA (CP) — Government plans to co-operate with the provinces in aiding farms on the economic borderline were sketched in the Commons Wednesday.

## RCMP state liquor problem fair

City revenue from police court fines and costs for December amounted to $927.50, according to the monthly report from S/Sgt. W. J. Currie, NCO in charge of the city RCMP detachment.

The report showed that $43.50 was paid to the federal government while none was paid to the provincial government.

There were 23 liquor cases reported during the month and the liquor situation was termed "fair." Complaints received and investigated totalled 353.

RCMP attended 10 fires, reported no unlighted street lamps, discovered two business premises unlocked, found eight missing articles and received reports of five missing articles.

Police handed out six parking tickets.

Prisoners' expenses and maintenance, including meals amounted to $302.

In performing their duties, RCMP vehicles covered some 5,163 miles.

## Thompson deal under criticism

LONDON (AP)—A storm is expected to break in Parliament today in the wake of the merger of Britain's newspaper giants—a combination that makes Canadian-born Roy Thomson chief of the world's biggest periodical and newspaper group.

The Daily Telegraph described the reaction of Labor party members as "shock mingled with dismay."

James Callaghan, a member of Labor's shadow cabinet, expressed fears about "the growing monopolization" of the British press.

### Try women astronauts

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)— A series of research tests designed to find out if women are suitable for space travel is being conducted at Lovelace Foundation. A group of 20 women, all seasoned flyers, has been selected. Their ages range from 23 to 38. Five already have completed the rigorous mental and physical tests, Dr. W. Randolph Lovelace, foundation director said.

## Lawyer gives Gaglardi time to quit post

VANCOUVER (CP) — Lawyer David Sturdy said today he would temporarily halt a B.C. Supreme Court action against Highways Minister Gaglardi, to give the minister a chance to resign.

If the minister will not resign Mr. Sturdy said, the halting of the action would give the legislature a chance to force the resignation. Either alternative is permitted under the Constitution Act, Mr. Sturdy said.

The lawyer based his action, started earlier this week, on a contempt of court conviction against Mr. Gaglardi. The minister was fined $1,000. Mr. Justice T. G. Norris ruled that Mr. Gaglardi wilfully aided and abetted Union Contractors in getting $25,000 from the highways department in defiance of a court order.

An appeal by Mr. Gaglardi was unsuccessful and he will take the case on to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. Sturdy said he will discontinue the action until February 14 at the latest, by which time the debate on the highways deparment estimates will have been completed in the legislature. The new session opened today.

### To visit Turkey

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip will visit Ankara, Turkey, March 6 on their return to Britain from their current eastern tour, Buckingham Palace said today. "This will give Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the opportunity of meeting the head of state of the republic of Turkey, Gen. Gursel," said a palace spokesman. The Ankara halt will be made after the Queen and her husband have paid a state visit to Iran.

## World News Briefs

LONDON (Reuters)—Application for a writ of habeas corpus was made today by one of two Canadians committed to prison here January 10 to await an extradition order. The application was made by George Frederick Caldough, 32, of Vancouver. He and Croland Smith, 40, also of Vancouver, were arrested at the request of Robert Bonner, B.C. attorney-general, on a fugitive offenders warrant.

CAPETOWN (Reuters) — Dean de Wet Nel, South Africa's minister for Bantu native development and administration, said today recent troubles in the Pondoland African Reserve had been inspired by known Communists. Speaking in the South African parliament on an opposition United Party "no confidence" motion, de Wet Nel said also that last year's sharpeville and Langa riots had their origins behind the Iron Curtain.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The army has successfully fired a flare-carrying Pershing missile on a 160-mile flight down the Atlantic missile range. Officials reported the 34-foot rocket Wednesday night achieved all test objectives in marking up its ninth success in 11 launchings since the test program began 11 months ago.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A school teacher testified Wednesday that shortly before Mrs. Barbara Jean Finch was shot to death July 18, 1959, she said "I don't expect to be alive by Christmas". Mrs. Marcia Wright Helfrich was one of two witnesses who said Mrs. Finch lived in fear of her surgeon husband, Dr. R. Bernard Finch. Finch and his mistress, Carole Tregoff, are being tried a third time on murder charges. Their first two trials ended in deadlocked juries.

B.C. ROUNDUP

## Secret job conference said being held at UBC

VICTORIA (CP)—The Colonist says an important study of unemployment in British Columbia is being made at an "ultra hush-hush" meeting at Vancouver.

Peter Bruton, the newspaper's political reporter, says in a column today more than 40 representatives of labor, management, the provincial government, churches, political parties, chambers of commerce and the University of B.C. are secretly discussing the problem.

### Film firm starts

VANCOUVER (CP) — Organization of Commonwealth Film Productions Limited as a B.C. company to produce feature, educational, commercial and industrial motion pictures was announced here Wednesday. The new firm will operate the studios being built by Panorama Estates Limited in West Vancouver.

### No more secrets

VANCOUVER (CP) — Mayor Tom Alsbury, in the face of mounting criticism frequent in - camera council meetings are hole-in-the-corner affairs, says he is not prepared to call any more behind - closed - doors meetings. The mayor told council Tuesday he wants it to decide if such meetings should be abandoned.

### Talks on again

PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — Negotiations resume today between the International Woodworkers of America (CLC) and the Northern Interior Lumbermen's Association in an effort to avoid strike action. Earlier this month, Local 1-424 of the Woodworkers said it will seek implementation of a majority conciliation report recommending an eight-cent hourly increase over a year.

### Leader charged

TRAIL (CP) — The spiritual leader-designate of the pacifist Orthodox Doukhobor sect has been charged with assault here in the beating of a Grand Forks youth.

## WEATHER

More fine weather is forecast for Friday. It will be mild with northerly winds at 15, often 35 and gusty down mainland inlets. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 32 and 52.

## TIDES

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| High | 10:36 | 10.3 feet |
| | 23:42 | 17.5 feet |
| Low | 04:28 | 0.5 feet |
| | 17:22 | 5.6 feet |