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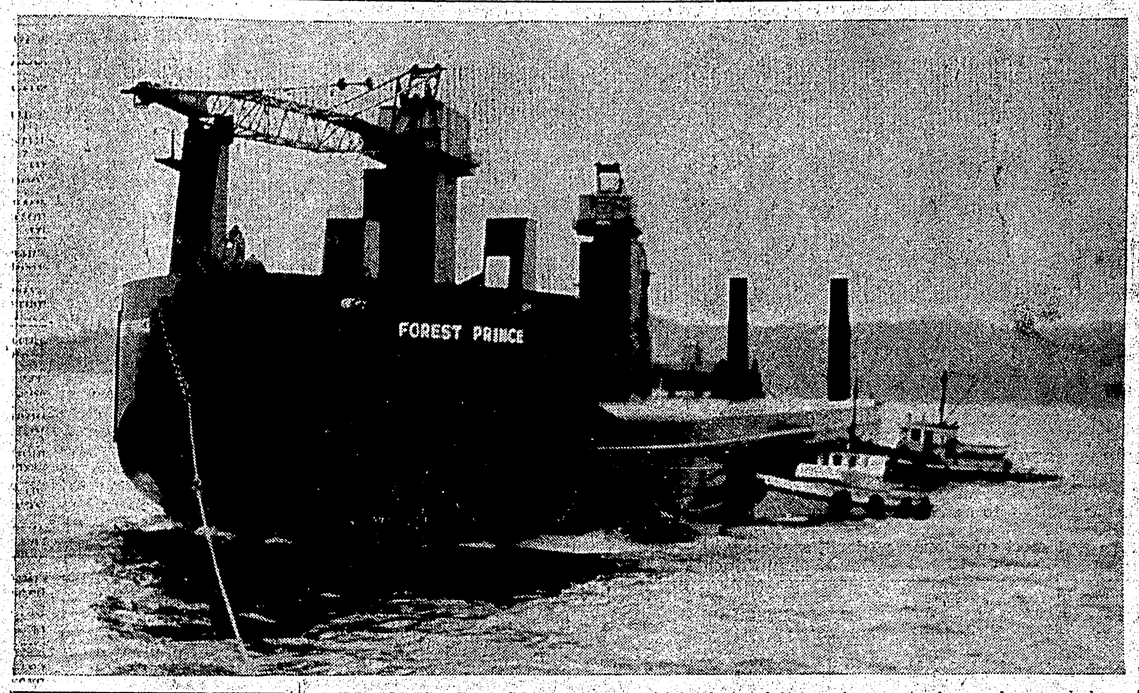


THE FOREST PRINCE, the barge which dragged its anchor yesterday and grounded on the far side of the harbor, is shown being assisted across the water to the grain elevator where it is now moored. The tugs are the Kaien No. 1 and the Cumshewa.
— Staff photo by John Pain

Speaker to decide if MLA to be tried by house

Gibson statement under discussion

VICTORIA (CP) — A session-eve statement by a legislature member has brought the British Columbia legislature face to face with a personality problem for the second time in four days.

Speaker Hugh Shantz has been asked to determine whether the member, Gordon Gibson, Liberal for North Vancouver, should be tried by the House on a charge of breach of privilege, penalty for which is imprisonment for the duration of the session.

Earlier, the speaker was asked to rule on the eligibility of Highways Minister Gaglardi to take his seat. Mr. Gaglardi was convicted for contempt of court in making departmental payments to a contractor whose creditors had obtained a court order directing the money be paid to a trust company.

Mr. Shantz said he was not competent to rule on this request and therefore it was out of order, but Opposition Leader Strachan, who raised the question on opening day, plans to bring the question before the House for debate.

Tuesday, Mines Minister Kiernan drew the attention of the House to a statement made by Mr. Gibson at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver Wednesday, the night before the opening of the first session of the 26th legislature.

He read a newspaper clipping which quoted Mr. Gibson as saying he (Mr. Gibson) would bare details in the House of government graft and corruption.

Mr. Kiernan said he took this as a personal affront and said it left him and his staff charged with graft and corruption. He added:

"If this type of unsupported and slanderous attack on people in public life is to continue unchecked, we will soon reach the point where no one who takes any serious account of his personal integrity will be prepared to accept public office. At that point democracy dissolves into chaos and ends in dictatorship."

SEEKS ACTION

Mr. Kiernan then drew attention to the Legislative Privileges Act, Chapter 215, which provides that the House may act with powers of the courts to investigate assaults made upon members during the session or 20 days before or after it. He asked the Speaker to determine what action should be taken.

Mr. Gibson, who lost his seat in 1956 when he was "named" in the House for saying "money talks" in the provincial forestry department, rose Tuesday night on a point of privilege and read a leter he had written to the mines minister.

In it, he assured the minister and the House that his remarks had not been intended to cast any aspersions on the minister or on the civil servants of the province.

He added, however, "I fully intend to set forth my views on this government and its policies in my speech to the House . . . Let them judge me after they have heard me."

Mr. Kiernan then rose to reply, but was not permitted to do so when Mr. Strachan objected. The CCF leader said Mr. Gibson had read from a statement and the mines minister should do the same so that the House, which has no Hansard report of proceedings, would have an accurate record of what was said.

The Speaker made no statement Tuesday but was considering the matter.

Gaglardi issue not settled

VICTORIA (CP)—Any step to bring the subject of Highways Minister Gaglardi's elegibility to sit in the legislature is several days away, Opposition leader Strachan indicated Tuesday.

The CCF leader sought last Thursday as the House opened to have the Speaker rule on the highways minister's eligibility in view of his recent conviction on charges of contempt of court.

Mr. Gaglardi was fined $1,000 for paying funds to a contractor when the courts had ordered that it be paid to a trust company to be held until a creditor of the contractor was satisfied.

Monday, Speaker Hugh Shantz ruled that the request was out competent to pass any such of order because he was not opinion. He invited Mr. Strachan to discuss with him ways of bringing the matter up for House debate.

Mr. Strachan met with the Speaker today. He told reporters later that he now is studying procedures and precedents for such actions.

"We now are in the process of checking these things and this will take some time," he said.

Scouters to meet

A special meeting of the Prince Rupert District Scouts Association will be held at the Civic Centre at 5 p.m. Thursday.

In addition to meeting those recently appointed to the association executive plans for Scout Week will be the major point of interest.

Driver remanded

George Edward Fielding of the Aero Apartments was remanded until February 7 for trial when he pleaded not guilty this morning in police court before Magistrate . T. Applewhaite to a charge of driving without due care and attention.

Inquiry started

PRINCE ALBERT (CP)—A committee of inquiry has been set up by the defence research board in Ottawa to investigate a fire which Tuesday ripped through the $1,000,000 radar laboratory here.

NEW DIESEL BUS on display Tuesday in front of the bus terminal drew much interest. The vehicle will be running between Prince Rupert and Prince George for Prince Coach Lines Ltd. of Smithers.
— Staff photo by John Pain

B.C. ROUNDUP

Prisoners suspected forging bogus papers

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) — Warden P. W. Hall of the New Westminster federal penitentiary said Tuesday certain materials were found in the institution's printing room "which would lead to the conclusion they could have been used to print bogus identification papers."

And a Vancouver police officer said the New Westminster prisoners printed false identification cards for a country-wide forged cheque ring.

Bridge needed

VICTORIA (CP) — Two superhighways that don't quite meet over a 500-foot chasm are the subject of questions for highways Minister Gaglardi filed in the legislature by the new Liberal MLA for Fernie. The gap has proved fatal. Last September six persons died when their car zoomed off the end of the three-year-old highway south of Fernie, near the U.S. border.

Pyrites shipment

VANCOUVER (CP)—Howe Sound Company has reported the sale of 9,000 tons of iron pyrite to Formosa to be shipped in February. The company said it expects to net about $18,000. The mineral is used in the manufacture of sulphuric acid.

Conditions change

VICTORIA (CP)— Conditions have changed during recent years to an extent that export of power may be justified in certain cases, Liberal leader Lester Pearson said Tuesday. Speaking at a press conference where he was told that provincial Liberal leader Ray Parrault had said in the legislature Monday that there was a leaning toward change of the long-time Liberal policy of forbidding export of electric power.

Prince Rupert has now gone 747 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Aid society says too few helpers

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Catholic Children's Aid Society said Monday night it has been forced to seek homes for children in the United States because the British Columbia government is not providing enough social workers.

President Phillip J. Lipp said: "We are facing a critical situation and as much as we regret it, this appears to be the only solution. We have repeatedly gone to the government for more social workers but each time were turned down.

"The government can find millions of dollars for roads and bridges but is short changing the welfare services."

Three tugs haul timber barge to safety in gale force winds

A 305-foot barge owned by Straits Towing Co. Limited of Vancouver was saved from wreck Tuesday when Captain John MacDonald maneuvered the tug Commodore close in shore on the northern side of Prince Rupert harbor to pluck the drifting barge from the rocky shores of the Tsimpsean peninsula.

The barge, which had been brought into the harbor to avoid major gales at sea, and also to put ashore a crew member needing medical treatment, was moored on a soft bottom, common to the harbor, and dragged its anchor in gale force winds, rain and snow. The tug, which normally was in attendance, was at the CNR Ocean Dock refilling its water tanks.

The Commodore is one of the veteran tugs of the Alaska run and was hauling a self-loading-dumping timber barge to Wark Channel. The barge is 305 feet long and capable of loading 1,250,000 feet of timber in 10 hours and unloading in a matter of minutes.

Although divers have been put down to check the hull following the beaching, Edwin Enright, Prince Rupert agent for the company, stated that no damage was suspected and the check was purely precautionary.

The drifting barge came up against piles holding Alex S. Mitchell's landing on the peninsula. Dragged off, the barge is said to have fouled its anchor and, while this was being cleared, it grounded a second time on rocks below the Mitchell house.

It was then dragged clear by the Commodore aided by the Kaien No. 1 skippered by Henry Hanson, and the Cumshewa, skippered by Charles Currie, both owned by Armour Salvage Ltd., of Prince Rupert.

Gale force winds built up a high chop in the harbor making maneuvering of the Commodore within yards of the shoreline and difficult operation requiring considerable care and seamanship.

The high winds necessitated the use of the other two tugs to hold the Commodore into the wind as she picked up the tug's bridle preparatory to the tow out.

The Commodore's luck held out as she sailed close into the rocks of the peninsula. She was one of the few vessels to survive the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941.

As soon as the weather improves it is expected, said Captain MacDonlad, that the tug and barge will continue their voyage to the Wark Channel.

Car tires slashed by vandals

Two acts of vandalism over the weekend were reportd to RCMP yesterday.

Police said that vandals slashed two tires on cars parked in the 1300 block Piggot Place.

A tire on a car owned by H. A. Stymest of 1319 Piggot Place and a tire on a car owned by F. J. Judd of 1326 Piggot Place were both slashed sometime Saturday night or Sunday morning.

Several acts of vandalism have recently been reported from the same area.

Erling E. Magnussen of the Kilias and Christopher Apartments pleaded not guilty this morning in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite to a charge of driving without tail lights and was remanded until February 3 for trial.

Chimpanzee ends flight to space in good health

By ALTON BLAKESLEE

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A chimpanzee called Ham today signalled a go-ahead for man to enter space safely. The chimp wound up a space flight of his own Tuesday with a chipper, cheerful handshake.

Ham is due back this afternoon to this rocket space port which he left abruptly Tuesday atop a Redstone rocket.

His trip 155 miles high and 420 miles southeast into the Atlantic into the rescuing hands of the U.S. Navy indicates manned space flight is feasible. An American astronaut is scheduled this spring to duplicate Ham's daring flight.

Ham himself is reported in excellent shape, a smart 37 pounds of amiability.

Plucked from the sea by a helicopter, he shook hands with the veterinarian greeting him when his one-ton space capsule was unlocked three hours after launching.

After a medical checkup, Ham drew a bonus of a banana on top of his scientifically prescribed menu which had not included bananas.

The chimp twice felt the crushing weight of increased gravity. Taking off, he weighed seven times more than on earth, and on coming down at a 5,000-mile-an-hour clip into the atmosphere was subjected to forces 12 times normal gravity.

But, also, for about seven minutes, he felt no weight at all in free fall as he lay strapped on a couch within a capsule exactly like that built to carry a man aloft.

All this didn't bother his senses, judging from early analysis of information radioed down to earth, officials said. For Ham had to press levers within certain time limits or else get an electric shock. Partial checks so far show he never got a shock, they added.

On earth, Ham was said to be so nonchalant and hammy about it, he would flick the levers just with his right hand and sometimes at the last possible split second — and then grin at his scientific observers. Other chimps trained for the flight would use two hands for the right and left levers.

Peace pipeline to be built

VICTORIA (CP)—The provincial government has chosen Westcoast Transmission Company to build an oil pipeline to help carry British Columbia crude from the Peace River fields to refineries on the west coast.

The announcement was made in the legislature Tuesday by Mines Minister Kiernan.

He said the pipeline will be constructed from the Fort St. John area to Kamloops where it will join with the present Transmountain oil pipeline that carries crude from Alberta fields to Vancouver refineries.

The line will follow the present Westcoast natural gas transmission line and will run through Prince George and Quesnel on route to Kamloops.

Mr. Kiernan said construction is to start as early as possible, using B.C. workmen and as far as possible B.C. materials, and the company will, if necessary, continue the line from Kamloops into Vancouver.

Liner passengers reported landed in Brazilian port

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (Reuters) — Passengers are reported to be disembarking from the pirated liner Santa Maria in the Brazilian port of Recife, informed sources said this morning.

Th ship was escorted by four American destroyers, Reuters reported.

President Janio Quadros today in Brasilia offered asylum to the rebels controlling the liner Santa Maria, with a promise to do anything more that existing laws permit.

The seizure of the Santa Maria brought jubilation to Portuguese political exiles in Rio de Janeiro, Paris and London but is unlikely to have fazed Antonio de Oliveira Salazar.

The 71-year-old professor has unconcernedly survived a string of assassination and revolution plots since he began his iron rule of Portugal 32 years ago.

Salazar has enjoyed a longer stretch of one-man rule than any dictator alive. He has done it by maintaining, to use his own words, "a controlled economy and controlled public opinion."

His supporters hail him for balancing the budget, increasing social services, eliminating unemployment, maintaining social stability — and making the trains run on time.

His opponents claim Portugal has the lowest standard of living and the highest illiteracy rate in Europe, plus one of the most extreme maldistributions of wealth in the world.

Worst of all, they say, is Portugal's lack of freedom.

Wage increases must be approved by the state. Election candidates must be approved by the state. All publications must be approved by the state. Voters' education and tax-paying qualifications must be approved by the state.

Opponents of the regime can be deported to overseas territories for indefinite imprisonment and the political police has a reputation for using torture.

Salazar himself does not fit into the traditional picture of a tyrant. A tidy, methodical and unassuming bachelor who forbids smoking in his presence, he has become known as "the reluctant dictator." He is modest and shy, with a dislike of being photographed or appearing in public.

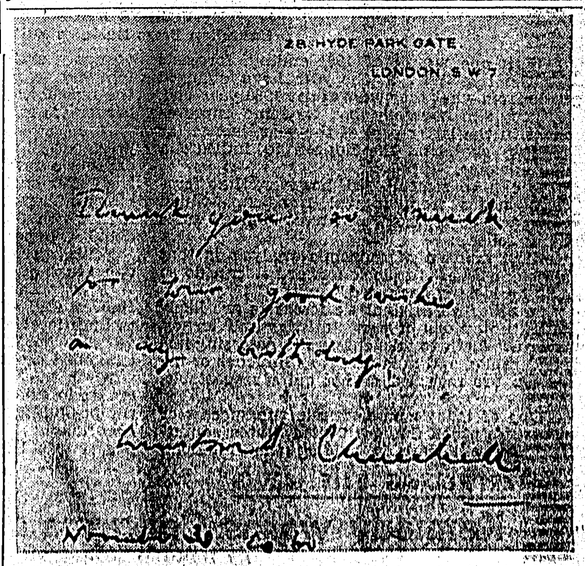
World News Briefs

LEOPOLDVILLE (CP) — United Arab Republic troops were flown out of The Congo Tuesday, beginning a series of withdrawals that threaten the effectiveness of the United Nations force in this republic verging on civil war.

LAHORE, Pakistan (Reuters) — Professor V. Kovanov, director of the First Chemical Institute of Moscow and member of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the Soviet Union, says it may be possible to "banish death altogether" by means of the transplantation of animal organs.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Bishop James Pike said Tuesday McCarthyism is rising again in the United States. He said most of those stirring up the grass-roots movement were "small fry" compared with the late Senator Joseph McCarthy, Republican of Wisconsin.

POINT ARGUELLO, Calif. (AP) — Samos II is circling the globe every 95 minutes today on a pioneer mission which may lead to a whole system of United States military scouts. The ultimate goal of the program is to be able to make detailed photographs of any point on earth and thus detect a buildup by a potential opponent.



THE CANADIAN LEGION recently received a short note from Sir Winston Churchill in England thanking for a telegram of good wishes sent him by the local branch on the occasion of his 85th birthday. The original will be framed and hung in Branch 27.
— Photo by Wrathall Studios.

Speeder fined

Speeding on Sixth Avenue East and Fourth Avenue East resulted in a fine of $35 for George Aleven of 1341 First Overlook when he appeared in police court this morning before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

RCMP told the court that Aleven was clocked on both ave ven was clocked on both avenues about 9:35 p.m. January 26 travelling at speeds between 35 and 40 miles per hour. The speed limit within the city boundary is 25 mph.

WEATHER

The gale warning for this area continues in effect tomorrow. Further rain is forecast with temperatures mild. Southeast gales will blow Thursday. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 35 and 45.

TIDES

Thursday, Feb. 2, 1961
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	02:35	10.9 feet
	14:25	20.9 feet
Low	08:27	0.6 feet
	20:40	3.3 feet

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