Mass march staged by jobless

VICTORIA (CP)—Biggest mass demonstration by the unemployed since the 1930 depression days was staged here Monday as more than 1,000 persons marched down Government Street to the legislative buildings in an effort to focus attention on employment difficulties in British Columbia.

While the men and women marched in a four-block-long procession, chanting "we want jobs," their leaders met for 90 minutes with Premier Bennett and his cabinet.

The premier gave the group a sympathetic hearing, said Pat O'Neal, secretary - treasurer of the B.C. Federation of Labor and head of the 20-man delegation that met with the cabinet.

But Mr. Bennett gave no assurance of any positive steps to alleviate the problem, Mr. O'Neal added.

Other delegations met with the CCF and Liberal parties and large groups milled about the corridors of the buildings, seeking to talk with individual members of the legislature as they came and went.

The marchers formed up in the driveway in front of the legislative buildings, maintaining a steady chant of "we want jobs" for some time. They began to disperse about an hour and a half after their arrival shortly after noon.

Later, as between 75 and 100 members of the marching delegation sat in the public galleries inside the legislative chamber, a move by the CCF and Liberal party leaders to have unemployment problems debated immediately was ruled out of order.

About 100 more of the delegation, whose march was organized by the B.C. Federation of Unemployed, stood outside the doors to the public galleries, unable to get in.

CCF opposition leader Strachan introduced a motion calling for adjournment of regular House business to discuss the unemployment issue. The motion was seconded by Liberal leader Perrault.

But it didn't get before the House. Speaker Hugh Shantz, stating that he ruled only on the question of urgency for such a debate—and not on whether the problem itself is urgent — ruled the motion out of order.

Unemployment had been debated by all members frequently during the previous five weeks of the current session.

The march of the unemployed brought men and women from Vancouver Island, the lower mainland and some parts of the interior to the grounds of the legislative buildings.

Adams elected to head UFAWU local

Ivan Adams was elected president of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Local 37 of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union at the group's annual meeting February 25.

George Collins was elected vice-president, R. L. Gardiner secretary-treasurer while Walter Rayner, Herbert Bryant and Percy Alexander were named to a three-man executive board.

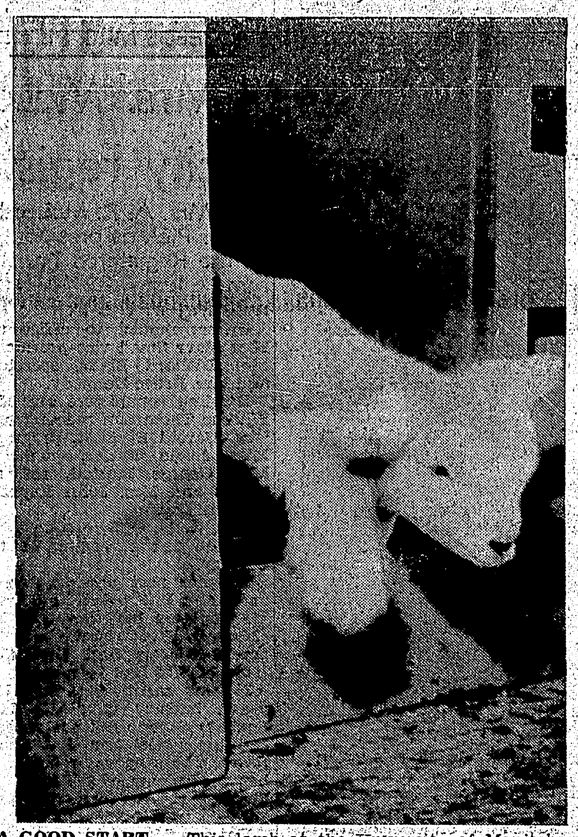
On February 25, the Port Simpson local returned Benjamin Hughes as president, Donald Sankey as secretary-treasurer and elected James Bryant as vice-president. A four - man executive board was elected composed of John Groven, Robert Sampson, Wesley Kelly and Robert Sankey Jr.

Prince Rupert delegates to the annual convention of the UFAWU to be held in Vancouver March 18 will be Mr. Alexander, Mr. Collins, Ernest Jackson and Mr. Rayner. Attending from Port Simpson will be Mr. Kelly and Robert Sankey Jr. An additional delegate will be elected from the Nass River area.

Both locals are establishing committees to handle matters connected with the halibut minimum price program after hearing a report of the halibut conference held in Prince Rupert early in February.

ARTIFICIAL LAKES

MOSCOW (AP) — Two artificial lakes have been created on the shore of the Caspian Sea for fish breeding, the Soviet news agency Tass reports. The level of the Caspian, abundant source of caviar sturgeon, has been declining.



A GOOD START — This lamb at the University of Manitoba farm poses obligingly to illustrate March coming in like the proverbial lamb throughout the prairies. Going a step further, the youngster illustrates the hopes of everyone that March will depart in exactly the same way. — CP Photo

Personality clashes likely at Prime Ministers meet

By ALAN HARVEY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (CP) — Political sophisticates who complain that the Commonwealth lacks drama may find the missing element supplied in abundance at meetings starting Wednesday.

Already, suspense is high. As the Commonwealth prime ministers assemble in London, there is a general awareness that they are planning for high stakes.

For the core of the 10-day conference is whether South Africa is to remain in the Commonwealth.

Unthinkable as it may seem in view of the Commonwealth's gentlemanly traditions, there is a possibility that the union may be blackballed from the club, or decide to leave of its own accord.

Part of the drama is that nobody can be sure what will happen. British diplomacy, it is said, has convinced some of South Africa's obvious opponents — such as Ghana, Malaya, India and Pakistan — that a soft line should be followed.

WORRIED ABOUT OTHERS

But anxieties are felt about Ceylon, whose representative is the world's only woman prime minister, Mrs. Sirmavo Bandaranaike. There are also suggestions that the man to watch is Canada's John Diefenbaker, who says he is coming to London with an "open mind."

Whatever the premiers' intentions, there is always the possibility that a chance remark may cause an explosion.

The clash of personalities inside the conference room at London's stately old Lancaster House may reflect the passionate nature of the racial issues that have placed South Africa's Commonwealth credentials in jeopardy.

For the first time, the union's case will be put at the conference by Hendrik Verwoerd, a tall, white-haired Afrikaner for whom apartheid (racial separation) is an article of faith.

He is intellectually formidable, robust in argument but capable of considerable charm. He may try to convince his colleagues that apartheid is nothing more than "good neighborliness."

BLASTED BY MAGAZINE

"Verwoerd is beyond the reach of reason," says The Spectator, an independent British magazine that favors South Africa's expulsion from the Commonwealth.

It is Britain's hope to keep such passions under cover during the conference.

There are strong arguments for and against expulsion.

Prime Minister Macmillan believes that Commonwealth leaders are trustees for the future. Man-made institutions are transitory; the nationalist government in South Africa will not last forever; "but countries that leave the family fold seldom return, as the cases of Ireland and Burma seem to show."

Expulsion of South Africa, some feel, would rock the Commonwealth.

EXPRESS OTHER VIEW

Others are just as sure that allowing the union to remain will be interpreted by South Africa's 11,000,000 non-whites as a sign that nobody in the Commonwealth cares about their fate.

Independent British papers join with left-wing and Liberal publications in recommending expulsion. Most Conservative papers take a more cautious approach and suggest that some compromise should be sought.

There will be external signs of drama during the conference. Opponents of apartheid, white and colored, will keep silent vigil outside Lancaster House. There will be other demonstrations, perhaps with Communist backing in some cases. Violence cannot be excluded.

In the long years of its evolution, the Commonwealth has held together mainly by compromise, by sitting on issues until they lose their sting, by acting as though there were no problem.

The instinct to avoid action remains strong, but harsh talk from any of the 12 countries represented at the conference may be enough to upset the genteel tradition.

Fish hatchery

CRANBROOK (CP)—A proposal which would locate a year-round fish hatchery on the Little Bull river between Fort Steele and Wardner on the east side of the Kootenay river has been submitted to the provincial game commission. The resolution was endorsed by the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Southeastern B.C.

ADVERTISING IN THE NEWS BRINGS RESULTS

MOVIE COLUMN

TV rifleman to switch to tomahawk film role

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Chuck Connors is laying down his rifle for a tomahawk.

After playing The Rifleman with great success on television for three years, the towering ex-ballplayer is going to star in "Geronimo" for a feature movie.

"I've been wanting to do a movie," he explained. "I've had some offers, but they always wanted me to play the same kind of character as Lucas McCain (The Rifleman). So I turned the pictures down, including "The Alamo." People see me for free every week as Lucas; why would they pay to see me in the same type of role?

"When the idea to play Geronimo came along, I jumped at it. The role is a complete reverse; I won't even look the same. Instead of a fair-skinned blonde, I'll be dark - skinned with black hair."

The Geronimo project could bode well for the movie industry. It is being made by the same bright fellows who pushed The Rifleman into TV's top ranks. Connors' partners are Jules Levy, Arthur Gardner and Arnold Laven, who will direct the film.

This is one of the rare times that a TV outfit has gone into movie production. The feature will be filmed in Mexico at a cost of $750,000. If it succeeds, the way may be paved for more TV concerns to help supply the product-starved movie market.

The project is not to be confused with "Geronimo" which was made by Paramount 20 years ago. J. Carroll Naish played the Indian chief in that one — and he's still doing the redskin part in TV's "Guestward Ho."

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union's Young Communist League has voted to send 15,000 of its members to the Russian virgin lands, Soviet news agency Tass reports.

Seedlings land from Scotland

The first consignment of carnations and pinks destined for the beautification of the surrounding gardens at the Columbia Cellulose Company plant at Watson Island were received from Scotland Friday by Charles Balagno, horticultural adviser to the company.

Approximately 100 seedlings were received "in excellent condition," said Mr. Balagno. They were transported by air direct from Edinburgh, plus a variety of other seeds from which he could choose. The seedlings will spend some time in Mr. Balagno's greenhouse before being transplanted to the gardens at the plant.

NON-WESTERN BEHAVIOR — Two motorists flail away at the head of the traffic jam. The first driver had stopped abruptly to avoid a scoop of earth and the second car bumped him slightly. The first asked the second for his insurance card. Cards were not exchanged, but, disrespectful names were — and the fight was on. Another driver from the line of stalled cars finally separated the two. Ten minutes later, traffic was moving. — CP Photo

NO, THIS IS NOT THE CNR ROAD near the Canadian Government grain elevators. It is comforting to think that other larger cities have this same trouble. The pothole season has also arrived in Ottawa. This young "damsel" in distress — the upper half of a store model — was "rescued" by a passing motorist from a waterfilled hole. Ottawa is lucky. In the place aforementioned they'd need the whole model. — CP Photo

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Prospectors elect woman head for 18th consecutive time

TORONTO— Mrs. Viola MacMillan today was re-elected president of the Prospectors and Developers Association for her 18th consecutive term.

Other officers re-elected are Cyril T. Young, vice-president; K. G. Miller, secretary; and James Geddes, assistant secretary. All are Toronto residents.

The new executive incudes: Alex Berry, Whitehorse, Y.T.; Gunnar Berg, Edmonton; Eric Partridge, Prince Albert, Sask.; Peter Stewart, Winnipeg.

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MONTREAL—Robert A. Emerson, a CPR vice-president, has been elected a director of Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada Limited.

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WASHINGTON—Caroline Kennedy's two hamsters are back in their cage Pierre Salinger, White House press secretary, told reporters Monday the hamsters had been missing since Friday night. Both were subsequently recovered, one in President Kennedy's bedroom.

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MOSCOW—Nikifor Kalchenko, fired last month as premier of the Ukraine Republic after criticism by Soviet Premier Khrushchev, has been appointed the republic's minister for state purchases, it was learned Monday.

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LONDON— A hoard of more than 1,000 coins minted by Ulugbrek, grandson of the famous warrior Tamerlane, have been found in a suburb of Tashkent, the Soviet news agency Tass reported Monday. Ulugbek, born in 1394, was an astronomer.

NEW DELHI—Prime Minister Nehru Monday named Brig. Kaass Raja, 42, to command India's three battalions for the United Nations Congo force. Nehru said Raja will leave India Thursday. The troops are expected to be airlifted from here March 14.

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BELFAST, Northern Ireland—Prime Minister Diefenbaker, on the first visit to Northern Ireland ever made by a Canadian leader while in office, Sunday good-humoredly refused to be drawn into the prickly Irish partition question.

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BRUSSELS— Belgium's King Baudoin and Queen Fabiola flew to Spain Saturday to resume their honeymoon which was broken off abruptly by a wave of industrial strikes at home.

Crash victim sent home for interment

Remains of Mrs. Walter (Catherine) Babiy of Kwinitsa, who was killed as a result of a car accident February 27, were forwarded to her former home at Rabbit Lake, Sask., Friday for interment.

Mrs. Babiy was being driven by her husband to Prince Rupert General Hospital to have a baby when the accident occurred about 4 a.m. near Tyee on Highway 16.

Mrs. Babiy is survived by her husband and 18-month-old son Dale; her father William Freimark of Rabbit Lake; three brothers, George and Alvin of North Battleford and Henry of Rabbit Lake; and three sisters, Mrs. Danniel German of Saskatoon, Mrs. Christie Hartry of Calgary and Evelyn, also of Calgary.

Heavy snowfall stops loggers

VICTORIA (CP)— Heavy snow Sunday in the Duncan-Cowichan area threw an estimated 550 loggers out of work Monday.

Shut down because operations are under up to 18 inches of snow are McMillan, Blodel, and Powell River operations at Deerholme and Copper Canyon, Hillcrest Lumber Company Limited, at Lens Creek, and Western Forest Industries Limited at Meade Creek and Gordon River.

Also closed is Cayuse Camp of B.C. Forest Products Limited.

Heart cases form club

VANCOUVER (CP) — Canada's most exclusive club will be formed here Friday.

The Red-Cross - sponsored Happy Heart Club will have an initial membership of about 25 children.

The club has only one qualification for membership — the child must have undergone open-heart surgery.

In the operation the patient's defective heart is stopped and opened for repairs while the circulation and oxygenation of the blood is maintained mechanically.

A total of 156 children have had such operations since the method was started here in 1957.

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