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Injured men landed from Bakke after further delay in arrival

Press, radio, TV held on shore

Two seriously injured seamen were landed from the MV Martha Bakke at Prince Rupert this afternoon by ambulance men J. S. Furness and Jack Pearson as the ship docked seven hours late following a further slowdown. The ship was severely damaged by an engine-room explosion last Tuesday while on her way here from Japan.

Dr. Joseph F. Wilson of Mt. Edgcumbe Hospital, Sitka, Alaska, who boarded the vessel in heavy seas and at night by Jacob's ladder from the U.S. Coastguard vessel Sorrel Wednesday morning at 3 a.m. said the two men are in "fair condition and they are suffering from second and third degree burns about the face, arms and shoulders."

Extensive damage is reported from persons who went on board the Bakke, although none is visible from outside. The explosion apparently ripped through decks and damaged portions of the vessel as high as the main deck.

For the past two days she has been proceeding to Prince Rupert at a reduced speed of 10 knots and for a time an oil tanker was standing by in case of need.

The two men, Alfred Bjoergen, 30, of Vikeyad, Norway and Kung Jim Fei, 40, of Kowloon, Hong Kong, have been taken to the Prince Rupert General Hospital where treatment started on board will be continued. There is no word as to whether or not the two men will be flown to Vancouver.

No press or radio men were allowed on board at the time of going to press and word was passed through customs officials that Captain Gabriel Oeripsland did not want photographers on board. This has not been confirmed as yet.

The Martha Bakke had originally been expected in port at 5:30 a.m. this morning but did not finally pull alongside until 1 p.m. Cause of the delay is thought to have been heavy weather near Triple Isle. An Armour Salvage Co. Ltd. spokesman said the pilot did not board the ship until 9 a.m. this morning.

Dr. Wilson was met on arrival here by a U.S. Coastguard Albatross plane flown by Lt. Cmdr. James Winn, Lt. R. F. Mercier, and crewed by radioman Eckley Powlus and AD2 William Nigbur. Dr. Wilson has now been flown back to Sitka where he is senior surgeon.

Efforts to board the vessel were stopped by customs officials although longshoremen, the harbor master, and certain other officials were permitted on board immediately the gang plank was down.

The Bakke will be unloading 495,000 pounds of octopus for the halibut season which is shortly opening. She is also carrying other cargo and some passengers.

After unloading here she will proceed to Vancouver. It is expected further repairs to the engineroom will be carried out here.

A representative of the ships agents, John Walton and Company of Vancouver, is flying in this afternoon.

TROUBLED PLANE — Here's Trans-Canada Airlines Vickers Vanguard after it made a safe belly landing at Montreal's International Airport last Sunday night. The plane's propellers buckled as the plane skidded along the runway. None of the plane's 42 passengers and seven crew members was injured. — CP Photo

Economy indicates good trend

VICTORIA (CP)—Premier Bennett said Thursday there are "definite indications" of an improvement in B.C. economic conditions and private industry should be prepared to join with the government in providing more job opportunities.

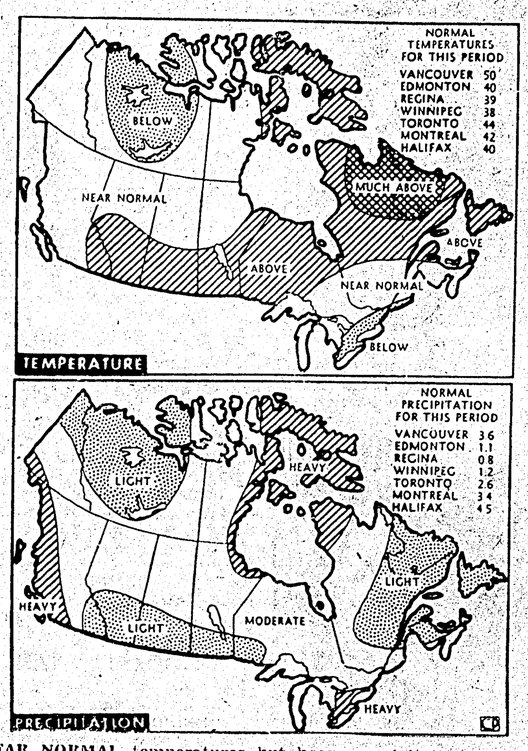
He said at a press conference he had just finished signing releases for $53,890,000 worth of public works and highways projects — "a record amount for so early in the year."

It was the first day he had been back in the office following a holiday in the Okanagan.

"Our economy is definitely more buoyant today than at any time in the past year," he said, "and what is now required to bring full health is wisdom on the part of industry . . . to grasp the excellent opportunities for growth."

Mr. Bennett said that with a $339,000,000 budget now in force the government is continuing with every means at its disposal to show leadership "in freeing B.C. from the effects of recession."

As minister of finance, he said he released funds early to enable the various government departments to call tenders as soon as possible. Approximately $8,000,000 has been released for two new toll authority ferries and $7,200,000 for school construction.



NEAR NORMAL temperatures but heavy precipitation are in store for Prince Rupert and the British Columbia coast for the rest of April according to the long-range outlook of the United States Weather Bureau. Normal and above normal temperatures are predicted for most of the rest of Canada. — CP Newsmap

Alaska Governor Egan signs bill to implement sale of ferry bonds

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—Governor William A. Egan Thursday signed a bill which implements the sale of $23,000,000 in general obligation bonds for creation of a state ferry system.

The bond issue was approved by the voters in the November 8, 1960, general election and the state senate, on March 20, completed legislative action on the bill.

While the bill leaves most of the details of the ferry system to the governor's discretion, various operating proposals have been advanced.

The plan with apparently the most backing would put three modern ferries on a southeastern Alaska run, connecting Prince Rupert with Haines and Skagway via Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Sitka and Juneau.

Kodiak would be connected by one ferry with Homer and Anchorage.

The ferry system will take $18,000,000 of the $23,000,000 in bonds which were authorized to be sold.

The legislature directed, through passage of another bill, that $1,000,000 be used to make a start on the proposed Fairbanks-Nome road.

Egan declined to make an estimate as to the timing on the sale of the ferry bonds or as to when actual construction of the four ferries would start.

The governor said he would meet with the staff bond committee in the next day or so to lay the groundwork for sale of the bonds.

City group to Ottawa over airport

Mayor T. D. Lester, City Solicitor J. T. Harvey, QC, and City Administrator R. W. Long will leave for Ottawa Monday to attend a meeting called by officials of the Department of Transport Air Services to discuss arrangements for the car ferry service to, and the opening of the Prince Rupert airport on Digby Island.

Canadian Pacific Airlines representatives will also attend the talks.

While in Ottawa, the city delegation will also meet with the Minister of Public Works, D. J. Walker, and Minister of Fisheries J. Angus MacLean, requesting improved port facilities for the fishing fleet.

The city representatives also plan to meet with officials of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation regarding the establishment of television facilities in this area.

Other business to take up with various ministers includes the building of ferry terminal facilities for the Alaska Marine highway system, the winter opening of the Haines Cut-Off highway, expansion of grain handling facilities in this port and details of the construction of the new federal building.

Tenders for the new building have not yet been called for although the city agreed to purchase the present federal building two years ago.

Tax cut sought

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, advocating federal deficit financing in the 1961-62 budget, today urged lower personal and corporation income taxes.

Prince Rupert has now gone 811 days without a fatal traffic accident.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Nuclear warning calendars to be distributed in B.C.

VICTORIA (CP) — More than 1,000,000 pocket calendars with details of what to be in the event of a nuclear attack are being distributed in British Columbia.

The cards have been sent to all provincial civil defence zones and regions with instructions that they be made available in such places as banks and stores. They tie in with the national civil defence exercise Toesin, planned for May 5.

Social workers needed

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP) — The British Columbia Parent-Teacher Federation has urged the provincial government to take steps to increase the number of fully qualified social workers in B.C.

Longer school day

VANCOUVER (CP) — A resolution opposing the longer school day proposed by the Chant royal commission was unanimously approved here Thursday by the British Columbia Teachers' Federation.

Scouts commended

VICTORIA (CP) — More than 300 Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, who have demonstrated their ability to be good citizens, were commended by Lieut. - Gov. George Pearkes in a ceremony at Government House Thursday.

Group opposition

NELSON (CP) — H. W. Herridge, CCF Member of Parliament for Kootenay West, said here Thursday there is increasing opposition to the proposed High Arrow Dam. He said the three groups against the plan are local people who are opposed to being flooded out; and a larger group who feel cheap power from the proposed Columbia development won't come.

French police hunt terrorists

PARIS (AP) — French police made a nation-wide sweep against suspected Algerian and French terrorists today as killings and bombings increased after the collapse of hopes for immediate negotiations to end the Algerian rebellion.

Paris police hunted an Algerian execution squad that carried the hit-and-run war between rival rebel factions into a suburban hospital Thursday, killing two persons and wounding 12.

Railway union demands wage increase of 18 per cent

MONTREAL (CP) — The CNR already facing a major strike May 15, has been hit by more labor trouble.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, (CLC) representing about 9,400 CNR employees, have filed demands for an 18-per-cent wage increase.

A spokesman for the publicly-owned railway said Thursday night the company has made no counter proposal and the trainmen's demands, including four weeks' vacation with pay after 20 years and eight statutory holidays instead of seven, will come up for negotiation in about two weeks.

In addition, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Ind. representing about 2,800 CNR employees, have asked for a 15-per-cent wage increase.

The demands, scheduled for negotiation starting April 17, include a company-paid $10,000 life insurance policy and increased paid vacations.

The railroad now pays the engineers $4.87 monthly to cover the cost of individually-arraged life insurance.

The major problem facing the railway, however, is still the proposed May 15 nation-wide strike called by the non-operating railways unions to back up a federal conciliation board recommendation for a 14-cent-an-hour wage increase.

Cup broadcast

Radio station CFPR will broadcast the second game of the National Hockey League Stanley Cup beginning at 5 p.m. tomorrow from Detroit.

Chicago presently leads the series 1-0.

TEACHERS APPROVE FINAL STEP TOWARD PROFESSIONAL STATE

VANCOUVER (CP) — Representatives of British Columbia's 12,000 teachers have approved the final step toward professional status that involves policing their own ranks.

The plan approved at the annual convention of the B.C. Teachers Federation Wednesday will be implemented next year.

Under it: teachers will be divided into three categories — professional certified teacher, teacher and probational teacher.

The federation will set up a board of admissions and review, consisting of eight outstanding teachers, to rule on teachers' categories and investigate complaints.

The federation will assume full responsibility for the competence of members by designating the category of teachers on their membership cards.

Two defeated ministers given government posts

VICTORIA (CP) — Two cabinet ministers who were defeated in last year's provincial election have been appointed to government posts.

Lyle Wicks, former minister of commercial transport who was defeated by a CCF candidate in the Lower Mainland riding of Dewdney, will become the fourth member of the public utilities commission at a salary of $12,000 a year.

Former agriculture minister Newton Steacy, defeated by a Liberal candidate in North Vancouver, will be in charge of a new British Columbia trade and industry office at San Francisco.

The appointments, announced Thursday by Premier Bennett become effective April 15.

Mr. Bennett also said at a press conference Dr. J. V. Fisher, the government's economic adviser, will resign October 1 to become B.C. agent - general in London.

STRACHAN BLASTS SOCREDS

Meanwhile, in Vancouver, CCF leader Robert Strachan Thursday night branded as 'blatant political patronage," the appointment of the two former provincial ministers to key government posts.

The CCF leader said Mr. Wick's appointment gives the Social Credit party a pipeline into the PUC. The commission now will react to subtle pressures which Mr. Wicks will be able to exert on behalf of the friends of the government.

"Steacy was an unsatisfactory minister of agriculture," Mr. Strachan said.

"To send such a man to represent B.C. in a public relations position is open to question.

"These appointments may be politically satisfying, but they only prove that the government puts party politics before the good of the people. I am disgusted."

Chief Becker urges clean-up of fire hazards

In keeping with the current clean-up campaign, Fire Chief E. W. Becker today urged city residents to remove fire hazards from their homes.

Chief Becker said that since January 1, this year, fire losses have amounted to $5,985.50.

This figure included the causes: hot ashes, $285.50; unknown, $1,700; defective heating, $125; and the largest contributing factor, careless smoking, $3,875.

The fire chief asked everyone to remember that clean-up week is all the more reason to make an extensive effort in removing any fire hazards in the home.

He added that it is the civic responsibility of every person who notices a fire to report it immediately.

"If the firemen aren't there, don't presume that someone has called the department!" chief Becker said. "A delay may mean the loss of life."

GRAND CHAMPS . . . Members of the John Fortier rink from Kitimat receive the McCracken Memorial High School Bonspiel Grand Aggregate Trophy donated by the Prince Rupert Senior High School Student's Council. Presentation was made by Robert Gordon, president of the student's council at the bonspiel's annual banquet and dance held last night at Booth Memorial Junior High School. Fortier had to play Denny Mould's Smithers rink in an extra game to determine aggregate winner. From left to right: Ken McRae, lead; Wayne Minaphee, second; Jim Mitchell, third; John Fortier, skip and Robert Gordon. — Staff photo by Gary Oakes

Move planned to arrest Laos unrest

WASHINGTON (CP) Prime Minister Macmillan and President Kennedy have agreed to seek ways of bolstering the pro-Western government in South Viet Nam to keep the political situation in the Southeast Asian country bordering Laos from deteriorating further.

They noted that as a result of Communist raids more people are being killed in South Viet Nam than in Laos.

The Communist Viet Cong rebels have stepped up their attacks in recent weeks in an apparent attempt to disrupt Sunday's general election in which South Viet Nam President Ngo Dinh Diem is heavily favored to be re-elected. Some of the Viet Cong hit-and-run attacks are reported to have reached battalion size.

In Saigon, Thursday Diem was reported seeking an increase in the $150,000,000 a year he gets from the United States so that he can bolster his 150,000-man army to crush the Viet Cong.

Macmillan and Kennedy, a spokesman said, did not announce their strategy for South Viet Nam, but they were agreed the situation there must not be allowed to deteriorate further.

Ways will be sought to bolster the Diem regime to halt depletion of its trained personnel by Communist penetration, subversion, kidnappings and assassinations.

Lull in Laos

VIENTIANE (Reuters) — A lull in the Laotian civil war continued today amid rising hopes of an early cease-fire.

Government troops made some small gains between Vangvieng and Muong Kassy on the road to the royal capital of Luang Prabang, but other fronts were reported completely calm.

WEATHER

Intermittent rain tonight and Saturday except in the southern quarter. Cloudy, not much change in temperature. Winds southwest 15 Saturday. Low tonight and high Saturday 40 and 50.

TIDES

Saturday, April 8, 1961. (Pacific Standard Time)

High	06:22	18.4 feet
	10:50	16.3 feet
Low	00:11	0.0 feet
	13:17	2.4 feet

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