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PUP CONTENT—With the weather outside so frightful and the fireside so delightful, pups bed down for the afternoon alongside the cozy hearth at their home in London. The cuddly pooches had just enjoyed a fine dinner.

NBCPC to generate more power with new $350,000 diesel unit

City should have no supply problems

Delivery of an additional diesel-electric generating unit for the Northern British Columbia Power Company's drydock plant to be installed at a cost of $350,000 is expected in April, T. B. Black, general manager of NBCPC said today.

Mr. Black also said that the NBC Power Company's promised $523,400 repair, improvement and extension program was well underway.

He was answering, through The Daily News, a query raised at Monday night's Chamber of Commerce meeting as to what "firm promises made by the company had been kept?"

The question of the NBC Power Company's "promises" was raised by Hector S. Cobb, who asked the chamber to learn if "more power had been made available? whether there was any activity down at the drydock where the extra diesel unit was when it was going to be installed? and what was being done at the Falls River dam?"

"I am a substantial user of power and if it goes out it affects me a lot," Mr. Cobb said.

The Chamber agreed to investigate.

In an interview with The Daily News, Mr. Black said:

● That shortly after the Public Utilities Commission handed down its decision granting the NBC Power an increase in rates, a loan of $500,000 was made available to the company for plant extension."

● That the order for the additional diesel until was placed with the Merrilees Company in England in November, 1958 and delivery was expected in April.

● That under an order from the PUC the company could not dismantle its two steam turbine units until March, since they had to be kept as emergency standby units.

● That installation of a second hydro unit at Falls River, promised when it proved economically sound and when the demand made it economically sound, was definitely being considered.

● That $100,000 of the $523,400 five-year program of rehabilitation, improvement and expansion had already been allotted and was in the process of being spent.

Mr. Black said that during 1958, the sum of $30,000 was spent re-clearing 12 miles of the company's transmission pole line and that there was another four miles yet to do.

He said that a goodly portion of the $100,000 would be spent on renewing poleyline structures (multiple power poles) to improve the company's transmission system.

Part of the reason that there were fewer breaks and blackouts this winter was because of the improvements already made to the transmission line, Mr. Black said.

However, he said that at no time this winter did the city approach a dangerous peak load, which plus transmission problems caused a major problem for 10 days last winter.

Given good weather, the city should have no power problems for the remainder of the winter.

A total of $70,000 has been spent improving facilities throughout the city, of which $17,000 had been spent on the Eleventh Avenue substation, Mr. Black said. The new transformer and switch house, to be connected up shortly, will mean increased capacity and lines.

He said the power company was already working on a feeder line to the airport and supplying Dodge Cove with electricity was also part of the company's expansion program.

At least $20,000 had been spent on new trucks and equipment to improve facilities and expedite repair work.

"We are spending a lot of money and have a lot more to spend to continue our program," Mr. Black said, adding:

"We are keeping our promises."

TARGET FOR NIKE—A jet drone, target for Nike Hercules missiles to be fired from Fort Churchill, Man., during the joint U.S.-Canadian army exercise Operation Snow Jet rests under the wing of a Lancaster bomber just before take-off. The RCAF is providing drone support for the exercise. —CP photo.

Students out in rain "by choice"

Students who are seen huddled on Booth Memorial High school steps during rainy weather are there by choice, not because they are locked out of school, Booth principal R. F. Lucas told District 52 school board last night.

Mr. Lucas said that he had received inquiries as to the school's noon-hour arrangements and he outlined them to the board.

Students who stay for lunch must eat their lunches in the activity room where they will be dismissed at 12:10 p.m.

At that time they may go and stay for 30 minutes to one of six places (1) to the library to read or study (2) to the activity room to study or talk (3) to a classroom if attending an organized club or organization meeting (4) to the gymnasium to watch or take part in inter-house games (5) to the projection room if a noon-hour film is being shown (6) outside at the student's discretion.

Mr. Lucas said that the above arrangement reduced the area of supervision and enabled a team of four teachers to handle the noon-hour situation adequately.

"When students were given a free run of the school, supervision was not only inadequate but it also imposed an unwarranted strain on the staff."

At 1 p.m. students are admitted to the school with afternoon sessions starting at 1:10 p.m.

He said the school considered that students who went for lunch should time the arrival back for 1 p.m. and that if this were inconvenient for some parents that on rainy days a lunch should be brought to school.

"Actually, in practice, pupils arriving back early on rainy days are permitted to come into the breezeway.

"Those who stand huddled on the front stairs are there by choice."

He said that allowing pupils to go into the activity room when they arrived back had been considered inadvisable.

Board expels unsatisfactory Bo-Me-Hi pupils

Four of six Booth Memorial High school students who were placed on probation at school have shown sufficient improvement that they have been placed back in good standing, principal R.F. Lucas told District 52 school board last night.

He said that two other students had not made a sincere effort to comply with the terms of probation and that he and District Superintendent of schools J. M. Phillipson recommended that the pair be expelled under the appropriate section of the new British Columbia School Act.

Mr. Lucas said that probation followed unsatisfactory results on November reports and that a review of results of the January examinations and of effort and attitude during the period of probation was made with the staff concerned.

DISTINCT IMPROVEMENT

"Two of the pupils concerned have improved distinctly in both attitude and results," Mr. Lucas said, adding that "we are prepared to place these pupils back in good standing, with the requirement in one case that extra practice at school be devoted to a weak subject and with the understanding in the other that progress will be reviewed at Easter."

ATTITUDE BETTER

He said in the other cases where progress had in some respects been unsatisfactory but application appeared to have been good and attitude acceptable, "we feel that internal adjustment in program will offer a suitable solution and allow lifting of the probationary status if the students concur with the changes proposed."

He said that the two remaining students would be wasting their time in school and that "their negligent attitude has a detrimental effect on the tone of their classes and the school.

"Our recommendation in each case is that the provisions of Section 126 (a) of the School Act regarding prohibition of attendance be implemented."

The school board concurred.

GRIM TOLL IN SKIES

Singing stars killed on tragic crash day

By The Associated Press

Death took a heavy toll from skies over the U.S. Tuesday. Shortly before midnight, an American Airlines plane with 73 persons aboard crashed into the East River at New York City. The dead may total 65.

Near Mason City, Iowa, a light plane carrying three rock 'n' roll singing starts and a pilot crashed into a snow-covered field.

Killed were singers Buddy Holly, 22, of Lubbock, Tex., Ritchie Valens, 17, of Los Angeles and Jiles P. (Big Bopper) Richardson, 25, of Beaumont, Tex., along with the 21-year-old pilot, Roger Peterson of Clear Lake, Iowa.

A B-47 bomber attempting a landing at Little Rock, Ark., air force base cracked up in a low-lying area near the field. Its three crew members were believed to have been killed.

And, high above the North Atlantic a Pan-American jet clipper with 124 persons aboard was cruising serenely toward New York when suddenly it plunged toward the ocean. Almost 30,000 feet later, less than a minute from disaster, the huge plane levelled off, and made its way safely to Gander, Nfld. Among the passengers was actor-dancer Gene Kelly.

NEW YORK (AP)—A new American Airlines plane carrying 73 persons crashed into the fog-cloaked East River just before midnight. Sixty-five were feared dead.

Police said eight survivors were in hospitals, 19 bodies were recovered and 46 still were missing. The plane carried a crew of five.

Nine survivors were plucked from the icy, rain-spattered water in the first hours of rescue operations, but one died hours later in hospital.

Swirling currents, winds up to 40 m.p.h. and the rain hampered searchers who hunted for bodies in water littered with luggage and chunks of the plane wreckage.

The missing persons included Beulah Zachary, producer of the Kukla, Fran and Ollie television program.

NEW AIRLINER

The airliner, a Lockheed Electra four turbo-prop model, put into service about a month ago, was relying on instruments to land in the fog and light drizzle at La Guardia airport at the end of a no-stop flight from Chicago.

The plane left Chicago at 1 p.m. (MST) as flight 320 and was due at La Guardia in New York City two hours later.

American Airlines said the plane crashed at 9:54 (MST). It plunged into the river about a mile north of the airport and a mile east of Rikers Island.

The island was the scene of another major air disaster almost two years ago. Twenty persons were killed Feb. 1, 1957. The island is the site of a prison.

A light rain was falling, and visibility was obstructed by fog Tuesday night. The four-engined plane made at least one approach to the airport before diving into the water.

Ranks among worst air disasters

NEW YORK (AP)—The death toll in the East River plane crash Tuesday night recalled high tolls in crashes in years past.

Aviation's highest death toll—which involved a military plane—occurred June 18, 1953, when 129 U.S. servicemen perished in an air force C-124 Globemaster near Tokyo.

The worst commercial airline disaster occurred over the Grand Canyon June 30, 1956. A United Airlines DC-7 and a Trans World Super-Constellation collided and crashed to the rocks below with 128 killed.

The most disastrous single airplane crash in the history of commercial aviation occurred Aug. 14, 1958, when a KIM Royal Dutch Air Lines plane disappeared over the Atlantic with 99 aboard.

Other big crashes and the death tolls:

Cardiff, Wales — March 12, 1950, 80 soccer fans returning from a Dublin game.

Issoudin, Que.—Aug. 11, 1957, 79 in a chartered Maritime Central Airways DC-4 returning from England.

Off New Jersey—June 20, 1956, 74 in a Venezuelan Air LINES Super-Constellation bound for New York.

NEW GENERAL MANAGER of the million dollar Playland at Exhibition Park is Jerry Crawshaw, one of Canada's best known carnival showmen. His appointment was announced by the President of Burrard Amusements Limited, operators of Playland. Mr. Crawshaw, 36, was born and educated in Vancouver and was one time Manager of Royal Canadian shows, which has played cities and towns of B.C. for several years.

Socreds survive confidence vote

VICTORIA (CP)—British Columbia's Social Credit government weathered two non-confidence votes in the legislature Tuesday.

G. H. Dowding (CCF-Burnaby) moved the first vote of non-confidence charging government failure "to provide adequate mental health facilities and refusal to keep the house accurately informed."

The motion was defeated 34-13 with all Social Credit members opposing it.

Mr. Dowding charged Provincial Secretary W. D. Black (Sel-Nelson-Creston) with "deliberate suppresion" of mental health information, and accused the government of placing debt reduction before human lives.

The second non-confidence motion was proposed by Archie Gibbs (L-Oak Bay) who charged that government advisers expended borrowed monies and taxes in a wasteful manner and have "responded with callous indifference to the most serious charges upon our integrity."

Mr. Dowding also accused the provincial government of "plugging the Peace River hydro development out of the 1960s where it properly belongs."

SIX MONTHS FOR ASSAULT

Two years in prison given for piling theft

A Metlakatla man was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary in city police court this morning for theft of pilings, while a city man was handed a six-month jail term yesterday on a charge of assault.

Walter McKay was sentenced to two years in jail after he was found guilty by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite of stealing pilings from Skeena River Pile Driving Company.

Lloyd Saunders Wilson, 34, was given six months in jail after he was convicted of assaulting George Low of the Grand Cafe on January 25.

Arthur Kristmanson, co-owner of Skeena River Pile Driving Company told the court that three log pilings about 30 feet long were strapped to his pile-driver on January 23 but were missing the next day.

McKay told Magistrate Applewhaite that he had found the pilings floating in the harbor and sold them to Nelson Brothers Fisheries at Port Edward.

Both McKay and Wilson pleaded not guilty to the charges. Wilson pleaded through counsel W. N. Poole.

Yesterday Wilson denied striking George Low with a whisky bottle, on January 25.

He told the court that after he and Loretta Wesley had eaten in the Grand Cafe and were paying their bill, George Low made an attempt to strike the woman while she was arguing about the price of the bill.

Wilson said that after he and the woman went outside, Low followed him along with two other Chinese men.

"They backed me up to the intersection of Second Avenue West and Sixth street and said, 'If you're so tough do you want to fight?'", Wilson told the Magistrate.

Wilson went on to say "It all happened pretty fast. I don't remember exactly what occurred but I did not hit Low with any bottle."

Jack Low, nephew of George Low, said that when he went outside to see what was going on he saw the woman hand Wilson a bottle and saw him strike his uncle across the face with it.

He said that while his uncle was trying to get up from the ground Wilson kicked him in the leg and the woman was kicking him in the face.

Wilson also denied kicking Low.

Wilson will appear tomorrow on a second charge of assaulting Jack Low. Loretta Wesley is also charged with assaulting Jack Low.

Mothers' March tops $1,500

The Kinsmen club's Mother's March Saturday night raised a total of $1,511, Kin president Raymond Billings reported today.

The one-night drive, to aid the Kinsmen Polio, Child Care and Rehabilitation Fund, stood at $1,439 Saturday night and climbed to $1,511 yesterday, Mr. Billings said. There are still a few canvassers to report.

He said that anyone missed in Saturday night's house-to-house canvass could mail their donation to the Kinsmen Polio, Child Care and Rehabilitation Fund, Box 151, Prince Rupert.

LONDON (Reuters) — Soviet Minister of Higher Education Vyacheslav Velyutin said Tuesday 94,000 engineering students graduated in Russia last year. By 1964 there would be more than 100,000 engineers graduating, he told the Soviet Communist party congress in Moscow.

Cost of living falls slightly

OTTAWA (CP) — Living costs were shaved during December for the second consecutive month, reducing the consumer price index by one-tenth of a point to 126.1 on Jan. 1 from 126.2 on Dec. 1, the bureau of statistics reported today.

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Liberal warns against wide power for labor

VICTORIA (CP)—Oak Bay Liberal Archie Gibbs warned the Legislature Tuesday that it might be too late to control the enormous power which labor has gathered for itself.

He said the ferry strikes last summer "gave the people a new concept of the power which can be wielded by a small number of men."

"People are beginning to question that right to so much power," he added.

Mr. Gibbs said the power of unions had enabled them to "pressure" wage agreements which, he felt, had been injurious to the nation's economy.

"That was never intended by the electorate when it voted for labor legislation," he said.

Mackenzie King confidante dies

LONDON (AP)—Violet Markham, 86, one of the most prominent women in English public life and a long-time confidante of Canada's late prime minister Mackenzie King, died Tuesday.

Accidental death verdict on baby who fell from crib

A verdict of accidental death was returned at the Prince Rupert inquest last night on 19-months-old Mary Norah Wesley, of North Pacific Canneries who died of a fractured skull and hemorrhage January 23.

The seven-man jury under Coroner George J. Dawes found that the fatal injury was sustained when the child fell from her crib to the floor that same day.

The girl was the daughter of Mrs. Norah Wesley, who was in hospital at the time.

She was being looked after by Mrs. Violet Stella Wesley, who told the jury that she heard a loud bump from the direction of the bedroom.

She went in and found the girl lying on the floor.

"She was lying on the floor, on her back," said Mrs. Wesley. "I picked her up and rocked her for a few minutes. I put her back to bed and she started crying again.

"I fed her some dinner. I went back into the room and she was still awake but she looked real pale. That was about 5:30 p.m. I put her in a blanket and walked over to Mrs. Holt's (a neighbor) and told her to phone for a doctor."

Mrs. Wesley said the little girl died about 6:00 p.m., some six hours or so after the fall.

Dr. R. B. Smith said an autopsy revealed a five-inch fracture of the skull. Falling from the crib could certainly have caused it. The cause of death, he said, was the fracture and hemorrhage.

Const. Arthur Borle of Port Edward RCMP detachment, replying to Coroner Dawes, said Mrs. Wesley was a good mother to her own children, and was known to be fond of children. The police entertained no suspicion whatever of foul play, he added.

Coroner Dawes said he fully concurred with the jury's verdict.

The jury comprised Earl Robert Gordon (foreman), John Clifford Walkden, Ole Martin Stoa, Thomas Eric Lloyd, Robert Bradley Davis, William Alfred McChesney and Neil Whitworth McDonald.

WEATHER—

Intermittent light rain today and tonight. Cloudy with showers Thursday. Little change in temperature. Winds south 25 this evening and shifting to westerly 35 Thursday morning. Low tonight and high Thursday 35 and 45.

TIDES—

Thursday, Feb. 5, 1959
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	11:35	11.3 feet
Low	05:38	1.1 feet
	13:12	3.5 feet