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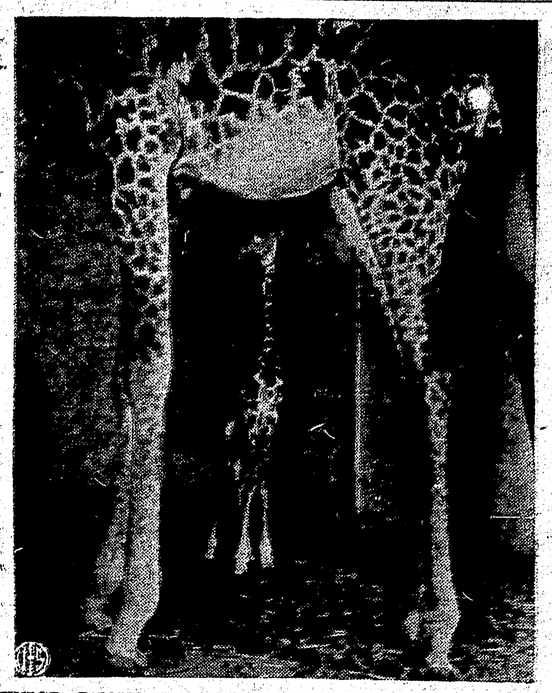

JUNIOR G-MAN—Even sticking his neck out, Ngoro the baby giraffe is still dwarfed by the body of his mother, Lotte, at the Frankfurt, West Germany, Zoo. Only a few days old, the youngster is a lofty six feet tall, but still has to grow some to reach mom.

MLAs angry about attacks on unions; "improper reflections" on B.C. labor

Both sides rise to answer critics

VICTORIA (CP)—Members from both sides of the House Wednesday came to the defence of the trade union movement in British Columbia during the budget debate in the B.C. legislature.

And there were indications that one or more of today's speakers will also have something to say on the matter.

Statements by Public Works Minister Chant and Highways Minister Gaglardi have become subject of much of the labor talk.

Both ministers said, in separate speeches, the trade union movement has become infested with gangsterism and racketeers. They have said outside the House they do not say this applies to B.C. and they wish to see it's prevented from doing so.

Dan Campbell (SC—Comox) said Wednesday he believes Mr. Chant obviously referred to situations in the United States but Mr. Chant was not specific enough in defining the areas in which these charges applied.

Sweeping generalities implied guilt by association and it was "an absolutely improper reflection" on the trade union movement in B.C., to imply nefarious practices are common throughout it.

"I wish to dissociate myself from any suggestion that I personally consider that a tar brush should be applied to the trade union movement in this province because of illegal practices which have appeared in the movement to the south of us."

Tony Gargrave (CCF-Mackenzie) suggested Mr. Chant's statements had made him a "political liability" to the cabinet.

"Any attempt to associate B.C. trade unionists with gangsters or racketeers that have infested some United States trade unions does B.C. a disservice," he said. "Our trade unionists are among the best citizens we have."

Mr. Gargrave said union leaders in the U.S. should be judged on such leaders as Walter Reuther, not on the Dave Becks and Jimmy Hoffas.

"Becks and Hoffas are a menace to any organization and we don't want them in B.C."

Today's debate will be led off by Alex Matthew (SC-Vancouver Centre), who was scheduled as the fifth speaker Wednesday. He will be followed by Municipal Affairs Minister Black, Leo Nimsick (CCF-Cranbrook), James Reid (SC-Salmon Arm) and Dan Robinson (SC-Elliott), during the afternoon.

A night sitting will be held to hear Recreation Minister Westwood, J. C. Smith (SC-Victoria City) and John Bryan (Ind-North Vancouver).

Federation challenges ministers

VICTORIA (CP)—The British Columbia Federation of Labor wired Social Credit members of the legislature today asking them to dissociate themselves from "slanderous" attacks on labor by Public Works Minister W. N. Chant and Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi.

The telegram, signed by Secretary-Treasurer E. P. O'Neal, challenged the two ministers to discuss their charges of gangsterism and criminal elements in the trade union movement on radio, television or any other public forum with BCFL officials.

The wire said:

"The B.C. Federation of Labor strongly protests vicious slanderous attacks recently made on labor movement of B.C. by Hon. P. Gaglardi, Hon. W. Chant and other members.

"These statements are completely false you must know. As a representative of the people of B.C. we call upon you to dissociate yourself from McCarthy-like tactics of these members."

Shrum commission plans price discrepancy probe

VERNON (CP)—The Shrum royal commission enquiring into operations of the B.C. Power Commission, indicated Wednesday an investigation will be conducted into alleged differences in power rates of the commission and the West Kootenay Power and Light Company.

Dr. Gordon Shrum, heading the enquiry, said here the commission will give earnest consideration to the problem.

C. W. Nash, load development director of BCPC, refuted charges made earlier by Peachland resident D. K. Penfold that the power commission had to build a radio transmission system three times before it achieved success.

Mr. Nash said the three systems were constructed specifically for individual operations.

The royal commission enquiry was here for its first Interior sitting.

Earlier, Wilbur Hill, a Westbank resident, submitted figures showing that the power commission charge in Westbank and Peachland for 1,052 kilowatt hours of electricity is [illegible] $10.13 charged by West Kootenay Power and Light for a comparable amount.

At present the 682 customers in Westbank and Peachland use electricity supplied by West Kootenay Power and Light to the power commission, which acts as distributor.

Mr. Hill suggested the commission recommend that the Peachland-Westbank area be turned over to West Kootenay Power.

The present arrangement between the two organizations is "not a very happy one," said Mr. Hill, since it provides cause for "dissatisfaction and poor publicity."

Mrs. F. L. W. Clarke, president of Westbank Women's Institute, suggested the power commission could reduce costs and increase revenues in the area by having people read their own meters, allowing a 10 per cent discount for prompt payment of bills, and increasing Westbank's basic minimum charge to $1.50 or $1.75 from the present $1.

City solicitor Neil Davidson of Vernon submitted a city brief indicating Vernon receives $13,882 from the power commission as its share of the commission's three-per-cent gross revenue. Kelowna and Penticton receive far more proportionately, he said.

Fisheries Dept. takes control of research

Shellfish research, formerly handled by the province of British Columbia, will now be undertaken by the Federal Department of Fisheries.

Under the agreement reached in December 1958 research in the future will be under the direction of the Fisheries Research Board and primarily carried out at the biological station at Nanaimo, under its Director, Dr. A. W. H. Needler.

The Provincial shellfish laboratory at Ladysmith, B.C. has closed down and Dr. D. B. Quayle in charge for many years has joined the staff of the biological station and will head up the new project.

Information and assistance to oyster growers and prospective oyster growers regarding forecasts of settlement of oyster spat, biological problems, and suitability of conditions for oyster production will now be given by the biological station.

However, they will not enter into surveys for definition of areas to be leased nor does this research include the leasing of ground for fish culture.

Routine inspection of oyster seed imports will be continued, having proved an effective measure against importation of pests. B.C. Fishery Regulations, stating that except by special permission of the Minister of Recreation and Conservation no person shall plant or introduce an oyster bed any oyster or oyster seed not produced in the Province, will continue to apply.

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City residents to be heard over Norwegian state radio

Far-flung publicity for Prince Rupert and particularly this city's Norwegian community has been given several times since the visit last September of Edward Omholt-Jensen, senior editor of the Norwegian Service of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's "Voice of Canada" overseas broadcasts.

News of the broadcasts and reception here was given today by W.C. Hankinson, CBC manager of radio station CFPR.

Mr. Hankinson said that a program about the Yukon, edited in Prince Rupert's CBC studios launched the first mention of this city. It was quickly followed by a program prepared from interviews held in Prince Rupert and broadcast from the Montreal studios and the Sackville, Nova Scotia Overseas transmitters direct to Norway.

Then came a special New Year's party with interviews and songs and greetings from Prince Rupert.

Mr. Hankinson said he had been told that friends and relatives of city residents in Norway heard the voices and messages of the local Norwegians clearly as "reception was excellent."

This Saturday morning, starting at 8:25, Prince Rupert time the Norwegian State Radio will broadcast a 20-minute program of interviews conducted here last September by Mr. Omholt-Jensen. Among the voices to be heard on the program are those of Anton Martinnson, Mrs. Anna Husoy, Gunnar Salvig and the late Peter Lien.

Mr. Hankinson said that when reception conditions are good, many communications receivers in Prince Rupert are capable of getting good reception from Norway.

Robins here to check spring weather

Spring must be here or just around the corner as three sun-tanned robins from the south arrived here in the east end of the city today.

The three harbingers of the warmer season paid a visit this morning to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Kyle, 958 Sixth Avenue East.

Mrs. Kyle said that first one flew in and was later joined by two others. While enjoying today's warm sunshine, none unpacked their bags and two of them were carrying overcoats.

A low of 30 degrees has been forecast for tonight and the robins may head south again.

North Van agrees to sell ferry to city

Special to The Daily News

North Vancouver City Council has agreed to sell its Ferry No. 4 to Prince Rupert for $10,000.

This is the amount offered for the vessel by this city.

The Prince Rupert offer was accepted Monday, and the boat will be towed north in the summer.

She will be used as transport between Prince Rupert and the airport on Digby Island.

Ferry No. 4 has been plying between North Vancouver and Vancouver for 38 years now.

She is said to be in very good condition, and has been examined by Vancouver marine surveyor T. W. Morgan.

City Clerk-Comptroller R. W. Long said today that he had not been officially notified of the acceptance, but expected to hear at any time.

Claim back taxes

NEW YORK (AP)—The government has filed a $40,020 tax lien against the property of comedienne Martha Raye. Thomas E. Scanlon, of the internal revenue service said the lien was for taxes Miss Raye owes for 1957.

SINGLES CHAMPS — Figure skaters Carol Heiss, 19, of Ozone Park, N.Y. (right) and Don Jackson, 19, of Ottawa (left) pose with their trophies after capturing top honors in the ladies' and men's singles divisions at the North American Figure Skating Championships held in Toronto. Miss Heiss far outclassed six skaters from Canada and the United States to retain her women's singles crown, while Jackson brought the crowd to its feet in Varsity Arena with his series of leaps, jumps and spins during the free skating trials in which he came from behind to capture the men's title. In the centre is their coach, Pierre Brunet. —CP photo.

Many attend special service

Many attended the memorial service at Ferguson Funeral Home this morning for Roy Little, 27, who died as the result of an apartment fire early Tuesday morning.

The Very Rev. A. E. Hendy, Dean of Caledonia, officiated at the service. Hymns sung were "Lead Kindly Light" and "Abide With Me."

Mr. Little had lived in Prince Rupert for six years. His body is being forwarded to Nanaimo for burial.

He is survived by his wife Ann, a son Kerry, his mother and father and three brothers in Nanaimo. Funeral service will be held in Nanaimo Monday.

Mr. Little, a well-known figure in the city, was employed as a waiter and bapman at the Savoy Hotel.

Inquest will be held March 2.

"More adventurous" tastes needed, Governor-General tells Canadians

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadians were counselled today to live more dangerously in matters of taste. When it comes to books, plays, music, food and drink, Governor-General Massey told the Women's Canadian Club, "our great need is to be more adventurous."

It was natural to like what one was "used to," Traditionalism, up to a point, was a fine thing. But there was often a tendency to say one did not "think" one would like something that one had never tried.

QUESTION OF TASTE

Standards of taste were important. One fair way of judging people was by asking what they really enjoyed.

"We should, I believe, go in seriously for new experiences in all forms of art. Only so can we fully exploit our capacity for understanding and for enjoyment . . . our personalities develop through true and deep enjoyment."

The Governor-General's remarks were contained in a text of the speech issued to the press before delivery.

Mr. Massey suggested that Canadians should look carefully at their ballots.

"I do think that we should ask ourselves, as Canadians, as men and women, what are the values that we really cherish, how much we cherish them, how truly we believe in them, how hard we work for them."

Fundamental beliefs were being discussed today more intensely than for years.

"We have been forced into a searching self-examination by the mere desire for physical survival. If this examination should lead us to a surer and truer view of ourselves and our nations, the ordeal through which we now are passing will not have been entirely fruitless."

The Governor-General suggested that Canadian Club members should interest themselves in preserving historical sites and monuments.

A related suggestion was that Canada should have some institution similar to the National Trusts of England and Scotland, voluntary bodies designed to ensure that lands and buildings of public interest or outstanding beauty are preserved for public access and benefit.

HOME EXAMPLE

On education, the Governor-General suggested the example of the home may be important. If all over the age of 30, say, attended diligently to improving their minds there might be less reason to complain about the minds of those under 13.

Not everyone should try to become an intellectual, but this was an age of escape literature.

"Is it too much to oblige ourselves to read carefully and thoughtfully one really worthwhile book every month—or if that is too much, every three months?"

Mr. Massey made two references to women. At one point, he said they are "notoriously more conscientious" than men. He also said that, contrary to general belief, men are the flighty and unreliable sex; "women take things seriously."

Engineers take strike vote

Members of Local 510 of the International Union of Operating Engineers employed at the Prince Rupert General hospital will take a strike vote tomorrow afternoon.

Conducting the government-supervised vote will be Labor Relations Board official Thomas Fletcher of Terrace. The vote to be taken by five engineers will be from 1 to 2 p.m. at the hospital.

The strike vote, approved by the Department of Labor was sought by the engineers after they rejected a majority award by a conciliation board. The board headed by conciliation officer E. G. Rowebottom, recommended that the engineers be granted no wage increase at this time.

The engineers seek an increase of $20 per month and other benefits.

Should the five engineers go on strike, the hospital would be forced to close its doors since there would be no heat in the building and the engineers would not be available for reinstated duties.

Cyprus talks given chances of success

By DENNIS NEELD

LONDON (AP)—Cyprus peace talks today moved toward a climax with Archbishop Makarios as the Greek Cypriot leader was reported backing down on demands that had threatened to wreck the conference.

The bearded 46-year-old politico-churchman modified his earlier objections to the Zurich plan, informants said, after being served this ultimatum:

Accept the blueprint drafted by Greece and Turkey for giving the British crown colony independence or accept the responsibility for the negotiations ending in failure.

PUBLICY SUCCESS

Greek Foreign Minister Evangelhelos Averoff emerged Wednesday night from an emergency session of conferees—including Makarios—and told reporters: "There is better than a 50-50 chance of success."

Turkish Foreign Minister Fatin Zorlu commented: "Agreement? Maybe tomorrow."

Makarios was reported to have had three main objections to the plan:

That it gave the three protecting powers—Britain, Greece and Turkey—the right to intervene in affairs of the new state in time of crisis;

That it gave the British sovereignty over the military bases they have on the island instead of only a 99-year lease on them.

That he felt it gave the Turkish Cypriots more representation in the proposed Cyprus government than their numbers warranted.

Fined $25

Wong Fook Sing of the Fraser House was fined $25, costs or in default of payment sentenced to 15 days in jail when he was found guilty by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite in city police court this morning with failing to comply with a city bylaw.

Sing was charged with allowing a room that did not measure 400 square feet to be occupied by four persons.

Craves excitement

CANANDAIGUA, N.Y. (AP) — A small gun crashed through the window of police headquarters Wednesday night. Inside was a note saying: "Dear sir, your window is broken." Police caught the thrower, William Squier, 16, who explained: "There isn't much for a kid to do in this town, so I thought I would have a little excitement." He was charged with malicious mischief.

Prince Rupert has now gone 35 days without a fatal traffic accident.

WEATHER—

Mostly clear over the mainland coast Friday. Some cloudy periods over the water. Little change in temperature. Light easterly winds except northwest 25 down the larger mainland inlets. Low tonight and high tomorrow 20 and 45.

TIDES—

Friday, Feb. 20, 1959
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	11:22	19.5 feet
Low	05:18	8.0 feet
	17:57	4.2 feet