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Seven men, one woman charged by RCMP here for bootlegging

Investigations continuing

One Prince Rupert man was fined $400 yesterday afternoon and six other men and a woman appeared in city police court this morning on charges of unlawfully selling liquor.

The charges arose as the result of an RCMP investigation over a period of one week.

Oscar Lee of the Fraser House was fined $400 or sentenced alternatively to three months in jail. He pleaded guilty before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite in an afternoon sitting of police court yesterday.

TO ARRANGE COUNSEL

The following appeared in court today in connection with the bootlegging charges but were remanded by Magistrate Applewhaite so that they could obtain counsel:

Clara Brown of 743 Comox Avenue, was remanded without plea until June 22.

John Holymety, 40, who pleaded not guilty and was remanded until June 19.

Thorvald Rasmussen of 1133 Ambrose Avenue, remanded without plea until June 19.

Oscar Franklin Stewart, 47, of 1153 Ambrose Avenue, remanded without plea until June 24.

George Cook of 2191 Seventh Avenue East, who pleaded not guilty and was remanded until June 24.

William Moore, who pleaded not guilty and was remanded until June 24.

Clifford Dahl of 859 Summit Avenue, who pleaded not guilty and was remanded until June 24.

Four of the charges came about after RCMP investigation on June 6. The other three were investigated June 14.

ASKS HIGHER PENALTY

Crown prosecutor A. Bruce Brown yesterday suggested a higher penalty than usual for Lee as evidence showed he had been soliciting.

Mr. Brown told Magistrate Applewhaite that Lee sold a bottle of liquor to a plainclothes policeman and the following day approached the same constable, attempting to sell him another.

RCMP said a large quantity of liquor was seized from Lee's residence.

Police say further investigation is being carried out.

HUGE PIECE OF diesel equipment, weighing 25 tons tips Northland Navigation Company's Skeena Prince as it is swung onto flatcar at CNR's Ocean dock yesterday. Total of 40 pieces of equipment were unloaded for installation at Northern B.C. Power Company Ltd.'s drydock power plant. Photo at top right shows Skeena Prince's skipper Capt. Henry Hall (right) and his first officer Harry Scott, both of Vancouver, watching unloading operation. —Staff photos by Dick Ayres.

New diesel unit here to boost city power

Final load of equipment for new $150,000 diesel unit to boost the city's power supply another 2,000 kilowatts arrived in the city yesterday.

The 40 crated pieces of equipment, weighing a total of 123 tons, were unloaded from the Northland Navigation Company Ltd.'s Skeena Prince onto the Canadian National Railways flat cars at Ocean dock.

Today workmen are moving them into the drydock plant, where the new diesel will be installed on the site of one of the old steam turbines which was dismantled. Foundation for the new 2,800-horse-power unit has been laid for some time.

TAKE TWO MONTHS

The huge diesel, which will take about two months to assemble and install, will increase the city's power from the drydock plant to a total of about 6,600 kilowatts. Addition of the new unit will give the drydock power plant five machines.

The new diesel unit, shipped from England by boat, is made by Merrilees Engines and is handled in Canada by Orenda Engines Ltd., of Toronto. Orenda's agent Frank Harrop, who is here to supervise the installation of the machine, was on hand yesterday to oversee the unloading.

Some of the larger pieces of equipment, (two of them weighed more than 25 tons), heeled over the Skeena Prince to an alarming angle as the big crates were swung ashore.

DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED

Moving the flat cars to take the large number of crates was a tricky business carried out by the ship's hoists and a truck, since there was no locomotive on the old Ocean dock.

Now down at the power plant site, the workmen today were having difficulty with the old tracks in the vicinity of the drydock, but it is believed that the trouble has been overcome.

Meanwhile at Northern B.C. Power's Falls River hydro-electric plant site, work is going ahead to build a temporary building to house a bigger crew.

T. B. Black, general manager of NBCPC said today that trestle work is also being undertaken so that additional machinery can be brought in.

NEW HYDRO INSTALLATION

The project is the ground work for expanding the power output at the Falls River site and work this year is expected to include laying out of the gradient for a new penstock.

The preliminary work is part of the company's plan to carry out a $1,000,000 development of the hydro-electric installation.

Next year, Mr. Black said, the company hopes to install the penstock, head gates and an additional turbine unit similar to the one that is currently producing power.

He said that the company hoped to have about 20 to 30 men on the job at Fall River when the work on the temporary building is finished.

Airport operating next year

Paving operations on Prince Rupert's $7,000,000 airport are nearly complete and if buildings and other facilities are installed this fall and winter the airport should be in full operation by next summer, it was learned today.

Norman H. McClary, resident engineer in charge of building the airport for the Department of Transport said that it is expected that all the pavement will be laid on the runway, the apron and the taxiways by next Saturday.

He said that hard-topping of the 2½ miles of access road from the Du Vernet Point wharf to the airport site will being immediately.

ON DOUBLE SHIFT

He said rock crushers were on double shift to produce material to finish the areas bordering the pavement and it is expected that the work to be done under the existing contract by General-Kiewit Construction Company may be completed by July 15.

There may be some minor cleanup work on the borders of the development to be done at that time.

Mr. McClary said that it is anticipated that contracts for the runway lighting, terminal building and other necessary airport equipment will be called shortly so that work on these projects can proceed during the fall and winter.

"If this work is carried out the airport should be in full operation by next summer," Mr. McClary said.

Should the July 15 completion date be met, it will mark the completion of a project started two years previously in July 1957, ending almost a full year ahead of schedule.

Failure to stop draws $15 fine

Mario Petri of Prince Rupert was fined $15 or in default of payment sentenced to 10 days in jail when he pleaded guilty in Port Edward police court Saturday to a charge of failing to stop at a stop sign.

Eleven boats land halibut

Three fishing vessels made halibut landings locally today. There were eight landings Monday.

Today's sales on the Prince Rupert Halibut Exchange, with prices in cents for medium, large and chicks bracketed, were as follows:

Balsac I, 38,000 pounds, sold to Babcock (20, 19.8, 13.5); the U.S. boat Frisco, 8,000, to B.C. Packers (21.1, 22.2, 15).

The Cape Spencer sold 15,000 pounds to the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative association today.

Yesterday's sales on the Exchange: Good Partner, 93,000 to B.C. Packers (19.5, 19.6, 15); Unimak, 73,000, to Pacific (19.5, 19.7 no chicks); Tinnie Millie, 40,000, to Atlin (19.6, 19.7, 15); Relief, 11,000, to Booth (19.3, 19.7, 16); Atli, 32,000, to Babcock (19.5, 19.7, 16).

Sales to the Co-Op yesterday were: Pacific Rover, 73,000; Silver Bounty, 135,000. There was also a direct sale of 15,000 pounds by the Rose Lind to Atlin.

IWA rejects report, readies strike vote

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia district officials of the International Woodworkers of America (CLC) set out with strike-ballot boxes for coastal lumber operations today after rejecting a majority conciliation board report in their dispute with 126 forest industry firms.

The majority report, signed by board chairman Dean George F. Curtis of the University of B.C. law school and management nominee T. R. Watt, endorsed wage proposals put forward by the employers — increases of seven cents an hour this year and five cents next year.

Regional President Joe Morris of the IWA immediately described the proposed increases of 12 cents an hour over two years, with an additional six cents an hour for tradesmen, as "ridiculously inadequate." He said the majority report was "totally unacceptable."

Mr. Morris said the 30,000 affected IWA members would be asked to "authorize the union to take strike action when the policy committee deems it advisable." A membership vote would be taken to discover the feeling of the union's membership.

Officials then left for the scattered locals to explain the union's stand and arrange the union ballot for an unofficial strike vote.

Before a strike could be called an official strike ballot supervised by the provincial labor department would have to be conducted. It would take 10 days to two weeks to complete such a vote.

MINORITY REPORT

In a minority report, IWA nominee J. Bury recommended wage increases of 15 per cent or 26 cents an hour, whichever would be the greater, with an extra 12 cents an hour for tradesmen. The union asked for a 20-per-cent boost with an additional 20 cents for tradesmen.

Present basic rate is $1.72 an hour and average wage is $2.15.

"The recommended wage increases would add up to some $8,500,000 when fully effective," said FIR manager John Billings.

Employment climbing

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian employment continued to rise in May while the number of jobless dropped off by 111,000 in the month.

The government reported today that at May 16 the number of persons without jobs and seeking work was reduced to 334,000 from 445,000 a month earlier and 370,000 at May 24 last year.

Meanwhile the number of persons with jobs rose to 5,852,000, compared with 5,664,000 at mid-April and 5,750,000 at May 24 last year.

It was the fourth successive month of rise in employment for Canada, sharply different from the winter jobless peak of 538,000 last January. The post-war unemployment high was 597,000 in March last year.

The number of persons with jobs in Canada rose in May at a pace faster than growth in the labor force which increased to 6,186,000 at May 16 from 6,109,000 at April 18 and 6,120,000 at May 24 last year.

Terrace man injured in crash

A Terrace man is in satisfactory condition in Prince Rupert General Hospital after being involved in motor vehicle accident yesterday afternoon near Tyee.

Jean Paul Archambault, 33, received facial lacerations and head injuries when the late model pickup truck he was driving left the road and plunged into a ditch directly opposite the CNR station at Tyee.

RCMP at Port Edward said today that Mr. Archambault was heading towards Prince Rupert when the accident occurred. There were no other passengers in the vehicle.

He was taken to hospital by Prince Rupert ambulance.

Damage to the truck is estimated at $500.

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CREW MEMBER BADLY WOUNDED

Red fighters attack U.S. Navy patrol plane

WASHINGTON (AP)—A U.S. Navy patrol plane was attacked by MiG jet fighters over international waters of the Sea of Japan Monday and one of the crew was severely wounded, the defence department reported today.

The incident occurred about 85 miles east of Wonsan, North Korea.

The first reports received here did not make clear whether the American plane returned the fire.

Neither did those reports identify the attacking planes by nationality. The MIGs are Russian-type planes used by the Russians, Communist Chinese and North Koreans.

NO WARNING

"Radio reports said the jets attacked without warning, firing tracer ammunition," the defence department announcement said.

"Thought to be two in number, they made six firing runs and followed the P-4M to within 50 feet of the water as the patrol plane took evasive action. Skies were clear and ceiling unlimited.

"A tail gunner in the U.S. plane was seriously wounded as his gun was knocked out on the first run. He was the only casualty reported.

MARKED WITH STARS

"Attacking aircraft were silver MIG fighters with red stars aft of their cockpits on the fuselage," the reports said.

The attack was started at an altitude of 7,000 feet. The incident, the defence department said, took place at 12:36 a.m. Tuesday, Japanese time (10:36 p.m. Monday, PDT).

The defence department said the P-4M was on a routine training patrol. It was based at Iwakuni marine corps air facility on the inland sea of Japan's Honshu Island.

"Skillful handling by Lieut. Cmdr. Donald Mayer, the pilot, enabled the badly damaged plane to be brought safely into Miho air force base on Honshu," the announcement said.

Readily available records at the defence department show that the last such incident in the Far East may have been June 12, 1957, when a naval plane on routine training flight off the Chinese coast in Formosa Strait was fired on and slightly damaged by Communist planes. That plane suffered only minor damage and no one was wounded.

MAYOR P. J. LESTER has been elected as regional chairman for northern British Columbia by the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, it was learned today. A letter from the secretary of the Federation informed the mayor that at the recently-concluded North Bay conference his name was placed in nomination and that he was elected for the conference year which began June 4, 1959. The term runs until the end of next year's conference which is to be held at Chicago, Ill.

Prince Rupert has now gone 152 days without a fatal traffic accident.

RONALD EBY, winner of the Bob Parker Ltd., trophy in the recent District Junior Chamber of Commerce safe driving roadeo and also the Columbia Cellulose Company Ltd. trophy for the local roadeo competition, received the two trophies at a Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting last night. With Eby, left to right, are runners-up in the local competition Thomas Lindstrom and Stanley Valpy. In foreground are Jaycee vice-president George Wilkins and director John Must. Eby represented Prince Rupert in the provincial Teen-Age Safe Driving roadeo held in Vancouver June 6. —Staff photo by G. P. Woodside.

WEATHER—

Cloudy Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Winds light. Low tonight and high Wednesday 40 and 60.

TIDES—

Wednesday, June 17, 1959
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	10:28	17.5 feet
	22:34	21.2 feet
Low	04:17	4.2 feet
	16:16	6.4 feet

VICTORIA (CP)—The navy and the RCAF clamped a tight security blackout Monday on the search for an unidentified submarine believed off the coast of Vancouver Island.

Several ships, believed to be frigates and smaller vessels, left Esquimalt naval base when the report was received Saturday. It is reported that an RCAF Argus, latest in submarine hunters, has joined the search.