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Murray turns down union's request to cross floor, avoid "contamination"

Refuses to sit as Independent

VICTORIA (CP) — William Murray, Social Credit MLA for Prince Rupert, said today he will not cross the floor of the house despite a request from more than 200 Prince Rupert union members.

Members of Local 710, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, voted to send a wire to Mr. Murray, asking that he quit the government party. They said he should avoid "contamination" from utterances by various cabinet ministers about labor.

Mr. Murray said Monday: "I replied this morning. It would be a courtesy to let them the union reveal the contents of the reply." But he added that he does not intend to cross the floor.

The union wanted Mr. Murray to sit as an independent.

"I don't believe a member should sit as an independent," said Mr. Murray. "A member without a party speaks without responsibility."

He did not say whether he supports remarks made in the house by Works Minister Chant or Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi.

TWO OF SOME 30 Safety Patrol boys who were given a free show last Saturday by Famous Players are shown above. At left is Ken Humperville and Jim Greer is at right. Both are team captains. The show at the Totem Theatre was given to the patrol boys by Famous players in appreciation of the work they have done patrolling at King Edward school.
—Staff photo by Charles E. Giordano.

Wife admits breaking, entering

A husband and wife pleaded guilty before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite in city police court this morning to charges of breaking and entering and theft and possession of stolen currency.

Mrs. Clarence (Violet) Green was remanded for sentence until March 2 on two charges of breaking and entering and theft of $17 from the Fraser House office and theft of $19 from the office of the Westholme Rooms.

Her husband Clarence Green was also remanded until March 2 for sentence for being in possession of the stolen currency on two counts.

Police told the court that Mrs. Green gained entry into the office of the Fraser house by opening a window and used a skeleton key on the door of the Westholme rooms office.

After stealing the money, she turned a portion of it over to her husband, the court was told.

The pair also appear March 2 on a third charge of breaking and entering a dwelling with intent to commit an indictable offence.

Hospital engineers meet board

Representatives of the General hospital's five operating engineers will meet the hospital board tonight to try to settle their pay dispute.

The men belong to Local 510 of the International Union of Operating Engineers, and seek a $10 a month rise.

Last Friday they voted to strike if necessary, after their claim was rejected by a conciliation board.

The men will be joined tonight by international representative E. Callan of Victoria.

THE LEA McKAY rink above proudly display the large selection of trophies they brought back from the Terrace Women's Bonspiel last weekend. From left, to right are Bert Gladding, Jessie Collins, Lea McKay and Mabel Suter. The foursome made a clean sweep of the Spiel taking nine out of ten games to win B event, C event and the grand aggregate for the most wins.
—Staff photo by Charles E. Giordano.

GAGLARDI PROMISES AGAIN

"Rupert-Prince George road finished in 1960"

VICTORIA (CP)—Highways Minister Gaglardi says the government has set 1960 as the year for completion of a number of major highways in the province including the Prince Rupert-Prince George highway known as the northern transprovincial.

The minister made the statement in the prepared text of a lengthy speech which he delivered only in brief part to the legislature Monday. He had the full text of the speech distributed to members.

In his prepared text the minister said he hoped Ottawa would join the United States in bringing the Alaska Highway up to standard as a major north-south route to join the new state of Alaska.

"There are other routes, such as the one down from Watson Lake, past Dease Lake into Stewart and a branch off through Meziadin Lake and into Terrace or into Hazelton—both of these places are possibilities," the minister said.

"There has been no decision as yet as to which one of these routes will be most advantageous. Perhaps some day both of them will be built.

"We have set 1960 as a goal for the completion of black-top on a number of highways such as the Hart Highway, Highway 16 and the Cascades, and we feel that our program is pretty well on schedule."

PGE loses $487,524 in 1958

VICTORIA (CP)—The Pacific Great Eastern Railway had net income of $496,478 during 1958, but its net loss after depreciation allowance of $984,000 totalled $487,524.

This did not include $147,970 charged in 1958 for re-laying track and deferred maintenance, which was charged against capital rather than operating accounts.

The figures were contained in a report prepared by Buttar and Chiene, chartered accountants of Vancouver, and tabled in the legislature Friday.

The report showed operating revenues of $9,653,618, against operating expenses of $7,752,730. Revenue from operations before depreciation was $1,899,838 and non-operating income was $93,442, leaving net income before depreciation, interest on debt and amortization of debenture discount at $1,993,280.

Interest on the line's funded debt was $1,303,834, interest on its unfunded debt was $160,460 and funded debt payment totalled $32,510, leaving net income of $496,476.

Prince Rupert has now gone 40 days without a fatal traffic accident.

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Mattress likely cause of blaze says fire chief

Sunday afternoon's fire that caused damage between $75,000 and $100,000 to the Exchange Block and an adjoining two-storey building on Third Avenue West is believed to have started in a mattress in 32 Tent stated possibly by a lighted cigarette butt, city Fire Chief Earl Becker said today.

Chief Becker said that he and Inspector D. Cummings of the Fire Marshal's office in Vancouver surveyed the ruins yesterday and this morning.

He said the fire possibly started in the mattress, worked its way up a wall and then smouldered at the ceiling.

The building is considered a total loss, Chief Becker said.

Supplier fined

Hans Marinus Sjoerd of 742 Seventh Avenue West was fined $50, costs or in default of payment sentenced to one month in jail when he pleaded guilty in city police court this morning to a charge of supplying an Indian with an intoxicant.

Strike nears settlement

OTTAWA (CP)—Closing rounds of the CBC-union talks today may remove the final obstacles to ending the Montreal producers' strike, now in its 37th day.

Remaining to be settled are return-to-work terms for 1,300 French authors and artists hired by the corporation's Montreal station on a contract or professional basis.

Thursday night, it will seek a meeting with representatives of the 74 striking French-language television producers to set a date for ending the walkout.

LONDON (AP)—Moscow radio today invited the American and Russian people to suggest what should be done to normalize Soviet-U.S. contacts in science, culture, trade and student exchanges. The broadcast asked for proposals to be sent to the Soviet radio by letter, cable or tape recording before March 11.

Council plans city facelift by next year

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities is likely to hold its convention in Prince Rupert next year, and City Council agreed last night to try to tidy up some of the old wrecked cars lying around the city.

Alderman T. Norton Youngs, who made the suggestion, said council should appoint one of its present staff, or engage a new one to deal with the eyesores.

"Now is none too soon to start cleaning up," he said. "There will be people from all over B.C. here."

Makarios order revoked

NICOSIA, Cyprus (Reuters) — The deportation order against Greek Cypriot leader Archbishop Makarios, exiled from this British island colony for three years, was revoked today.

The order means Makarios, bearded leader of more than 400,000 Greek Cypriots, will return to his native Cyprus where he was a national hero and an unrepentant leader of terrorists against the British.

FACT-FINDING MISSION

City airport deputation plans Ottawa trip soon

A three-man deputation from here will travel to Ottawa early next week to try to find out more about the costs of operating Prince Rupert's airport on Digby Island.

Alderman George Hills, chairman of the airport committee, will travel with City Clerk Comptroller R. W. Long and solicitor J. T. Harvey to find out more details from the Department of Transport.

There was no discussion on the objects of the trip, but Mayor P. J. Lester stated afterwards that there was much to be discussed with the federal government.

The Daily News understands that efforts by the city to get information on all aspects of the airport operation, particularly financing, have been thwarted by the government's referring items to too many different departments.

Council hopes to see Transport Minister Hees on his display and find out all the answers.

One point it is determined on is that the city should not have to pay any operating deficit.

In answer to an inquiry, it received a letter from Canadian Pacific Airlines stating that no firm date can yet be given for the Prince Rupert-Vancouver run when the DC-6B's operate from the airport.

Council had asked whether or not a fare reduction could be expected. CPA's reply said that an analysis has yet to take place.

Daylight time starts Apr. 26, ends Sept. 26

VICTORIA (CP) — Daylight time in British Columbia this year will begin at midnight April 26 and end at midnight Sept. 26, it was announced Monday in the B.C. Gazette.

The dates were set in an order-in-council approved Feb. 3.

Recreation commission likely soon

Mayor P. J. Lester announced last night that the whole city council would act on the newly-formed zoning committee, with Alderman A. Donald Kenyon as chairman.

He also said that he thought the city needed a recreation commission to co-ordinate the activities of all bodies—Civic Centre, Parks Board and so on—and council agreed to establish a committee to inquire into the question.

The committee will comprise Mayor Lester, Alderman Gordon Carlson and City Clerk Comptroller R. W. Long.

DVA rep. here

W. G. Palmer, Department of Veterans' Affairs representative, will visit the Canadian Legion Friday afternoon to answer questions from any veteran.

City council not sure about Federal building

City Council has not yet agreed on purchase of two major items for the city: the North Vancouver ferry for $10,000 or the federal building for $200,000.

The ferry has been examined while absent, but council decided to wait until she is drydocked and a complete report submitted by the steamship inspectors.

A special meeting of council will be called to discuss the federal building. Part of the deal is that council supply land behind the present building to the Federal government for another building.

Its worry now is the price it will have to pay for the land from the provincial government which owns it.

It has understood hitherto that the land will be sold to council for a nominal price. But, asked Alderman T. Norton Youngs, what is a nominal price?

Ald. Youngs said the federal building was not worth $200,000. It was more than the building cost when built; they did not know how much conversion to a city hall would cost, and they did not know how much the land in the exchange deal would cost.

Slight change in Miss PNE contest rules

Special to The Daily News

VANCOUVER—There will be a greater accent on comliness when judges choose Miss PNE of 1959, this year's committee in charge of the contest announced today.

In past years contestants were awarded 33⅓ per cent on the basis of three categories. They are:

1. Beauty of face and figure.
2. Charm and deportment.
3. Ability to speak in public, general intelligence and special talents.

The new Miss PNE committee decided this year to award up to 40 per cent, out of a personal 100, for beauty of face and figure and split the remaining 30 per cent down the middle for the other two categories.

Pr. Rupert man who stole car gets $100 fine

Walter Murray Moore of the Bayview Hotel was fined $200, costs or in default of payment sentenced to two months in jail when he pleaded guilty in city police court this morning to a charge of theft of an automobile without the owner's consent.

Police told Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite that Moore took a vehicle from McKee Motors and drove it out the highway.

The car was found abandoned three days later on Highway 16, police said.

Impaired driver given $75 fine, three-month ban

Bruce Gordon Simmonds of 253 Ninth Avenue East was fined a $75 fine, costs or in default of payment sentenced to one month in jail when he pleaded guilty in city police court this morning to a charge of being in care and control of a motor vehicle while his ability to drive was impaired.

Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite also prohibited Simmonds from driving a motor vehicle for a period of three months.

Police told the court that Simmonds backed his car into another motor vehicle on Third Avenue West early this morning, causing $100 damage.

WEATHER—

Gale warning continued. Cloudy with rain beginning late this afternoon, changing to showers tonight. Little change in temperature. South winds 30 increasing to southeasterly 50 with gusts to 65 this evening and shifting to southwest 35 tonight. Low tonight and high Wednesday, 35 and 45.

TIDES—

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1959
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	03:30	22.1 feet
	14:50	21.9 feet
Low	08:44	3.7 feet
	21:01	2.4 feet

10 city residents complete industrial first aid course

Seven of 10 Prince Rupert resident who attended industrial first aid classes here have received A certificates in recently held examinations.

Two others who were taking the course for the first time received their Grade C certificates.

The courses were sponsored jointly by St. John Ambulance association and the Workmen's Compensation Board.

One remaining member will receive his award on completion of his oxygen therapy course which will be taken in Smithers in March.

Receiving Grade A certificates were T. H. Elliott, Ragnar E. Eyolfson, J. C. Franks, J. S. Furness, Arthur L. Lees, John J. Sinclair, Oscar F. Syvum.

Winning their Grade C certificates were Gertrude Russel and Jacqueline C. Seale.

To take his oxygen therapy course in March is Donald J. Douglas.

Arthur Eagle, who took his course by correspondence successfully completed his exams and received a Grade B certificate.

Instructor for the classes was W. N. E. Armstrong, while lectures were given the first aid students by Dr. W. D. Arnold and Dr. R. B. Smith. Dr. Smith and George Stallman, examiner for the Workmen's Compensation Board, conducted the examinations.