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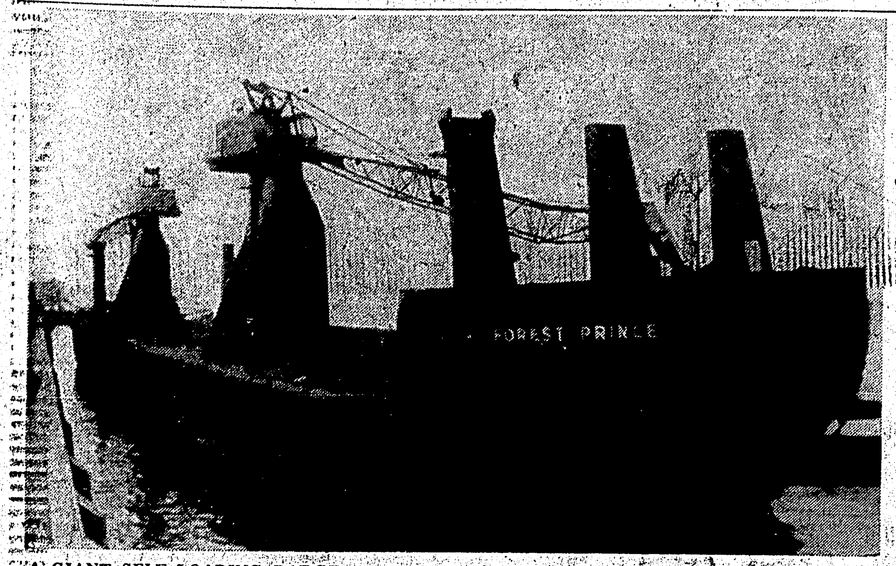


"A GIANT SELF-LOADING BARGE" was brought in to Ocean Dock Wednesday for repairs to one of its booms. The twisted boom is clearly seen here lying off its supports on the decking. The repairs were carried out by Straits Towing Ltd. These self-loading and unloading barges are being used to a continuingly greater degree in the timber industry. —Photo by Ted Haupt.

$104 million BCE shares made worthless by legal oversight

Securities issue planned for shares

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Province says, because of an oversight by the British Columbia government, B.C. Electric Company shares with a face value of $104,000,000 are temporarily legally worthless.

It says the shares can neither be bought, sold, traded, delivered, accepted for delivery or pledged for collateral.

The paper says investors, brokers, banks and others who have held these shares for the last 10 days cannot raise money on them either by selling or pledging for a loan.

The company was taken over by the B.C. government at a special session of the legislature last week.

The Power Development Act under which the company was nationalized said the company will issue perpetual securities to persons holding preferred shares immediately before the act came into force.

The bill was presented to the legislature Tuesday, August 1 and passed Thursday, August 3 but was retroactive until August 1. No securities have yet been issued.

The Province says preferred shares were bought and sold on stock exchanges August 2 and August 3 until trading was suspended.

Now, it says, the status of the trades is in doubt. Shares purchased August 2 were purchased from persons who did not own them because they were later vested in the province. On August 3 transfer facilities were closed and the transactions which had taken place were not completed.

Brokers, dealers and others now are asking that the government pass an order in council which will enable transfer books to be re-opened and that some instrument be used for transfers the Province says.

The paper says the B.C. Electric legal department, in co-operation with the Montreal Trust Company, transfer agent for the shares, has been preparing a plan to rectify the situation. The cabinet must approve the plan and Premier Bennett has been out of the province this week. The premier is expected back today.

GUY WILLIAMS, President of the Native Brotherhood of B.C., is at present conferring with regional officials preparatory to holding a major meeting of Indians at Port Edward tomorrow in the Community Hall at 3 p.m. Mr. Williams said: "This is one of the most important meetings we have held. All Indians should attend and all will be heard. We will be discussing matters relating to the fishing industry and also to Indian welfare in the north."

GOODS LITTER YARD as bushfire approaches dwellings in the Prince George forest district where a sawmill settlement was recently menaced by huge fires. Smoke hides the sun and causes almost nightime gloom as the flames approached. This millworker cleaned out his possessions as it looked inevitable the house would burn up. — CP Photo

Bushfire total grows as dry weather continues

Last night five new fires started burning in the Prince Rupert forest district bringing the total now burning to 48 throughout the district, said an official of the forestry service, W. A. Antilla, today.

Four helicopters, nine bulldozers and 400 men are battling the flames from the Gunanoot Lake area to the southern Bella Coola valley.

Four of the present fires are burning out of control and two helicopters are being brought down from Juneau, Alaska, to assist the firefighters. One helicopter has been sent to assist in the Kamloops fire district.

Major blow-up during the past 24 hours is in the Smithers area, about 25 miles northeast of the township. Some 30 men had to be rescued as the fire flared in dry weather and wind and moved to safer ground.

Two other fires are burning around Lake Gunanoot out of control; and another 150 miles south of Burns Lake making a total of four fires out of control.

The Copper River fire burning over 750 acres of timber - farm area is now semi - contained and burning slowly. In the Bella Coola area, two fires are giving trouble, Mr. Antilla reported, one at Smedley and the other at Old Kleena Lake.

No closure is being considered at the moment, Mr. Antilla said, but if the dry weather continues over the weekend the matter will be discussd further.

The fire hazard still remains dangerously high and all persons are strongly urged to exercise the greatest caution in their use of fire and the disposal of cigarettes and matches.

Police dragging for bodies

TERRACE (CP) — Police discontinued dragging operations Thursday for the bodies of four persons drowned in the Skeena River 20 miles west of here Tuesday.

RCMP said the river is flowing too fast to make the dragging feasible.

The four were among seven persons in a car which plunged from the Prince Rupert-Terrace highway.

Mary Gunanoot, 33, Lorretta Smith, 16, and Leon Bordeleau, all of Hazelton, and an unidentified hitch-hiker aged about 21 are presumed drowned.

Police are investigating a statement by Ivan Lawson, 21, driver of the car, that the crash occurred when the hitch-hiker grabbed the wheel and steered the car into the river, saying: "I guess we might as well all die."

Police said Thursday they have established definitely that there was a hitch-hiker in the car but added Lawson's story has not been confirmed.

Coastal oil search conflict seen as company announces intentions

VICTORIA (CP)—The Times says a struggle for control of potentially-rich oil-bearing lands under the sea off the coast of British Columbia is shaping up between the federal and provincial governments.

The newspaper says the jurisdictional dispute between Ottawa and Victoria has been simmering for more than 1½ years but has been brought into the open by an announcement from Shell Oil Company of Canada of plans to explore about 11,000,000 acres of land along the west coast of Vancouver Island and up into Queen Charlotte Sound.

Shell has applied to Ottawa for exploratory permits on the offshore lands. J. F. Redmond of Calgary, vice - president for exploration, said work will start soon on preliminary surveys.

The Times gives this story:

The oil company cleared the move with provincial authorities before applying to Ottawa and no trouble is expected in the preliminary stages of the development.

P. J. Mulcahy, B.C. deputy minister of mines and mineral resources, said when it comes to drilling it must be recognized that these are crown lands in the right of the province.

Mr. Mulcahy said oil companies wishing to drill would have to apply to have the lands included in a crown reserve sale where they would be put on public auction.

PLACED IN DOUBT

The B.C. attorney - general's department has been studying the ownership question since federal legislation placing the issue in doubt was passed about two years ago.

Ostensibly the federal legislation was designed to cover oil, gas and mineral exploration lying offshore in the Arctic regions and in Hudson's Bay. It soon became evident that the legislation could be interpreted to include offshore lands on both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts.

The attorney - general's department says the province has the offshore land and mineral rights because they were owned by B.C. before Confederation.

Frenchman critical of N. America

GENEVA PARK, Ont. (CP) — Unemployment is fundamentally rotten and should not be accepted in a civilized society, Andre Philip, French economist and socialist leader, said Thursday night at the conference of the Canadian Institute on Public Affairs.

"In France if we had two per cent unemployment we would have a revolution."

"In the European community we are changing our economic and social structure. In the United States and Canada you must also make a change because if you don't you will lose and you will make us lose, which I don't like."

Red rocketeer gives details of flight

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's second space traveller, Maj. Gherman Titov, told a press conference today he dutifully ate his first two meals on schedule during his historic trips around the earth but he wasn't hungry.

"Frankly speaking I had no particular appetite," the 26-year-old cosmonaut said. "This was probably due to the sustained weightlessness and excitement."

Car, truck collision

A car accident about noon Thursday caused approximately $200 damage.

RCMP said a car driven by Robert Eby of 400 Fourth Avenue East was in collision with a parked truck owned by Skeena Grocery near the intersection of Fifth Avenue East and Green Street.

Russians appoint new commander for eastern front defence post

BERLIN (AP) — The Soviet Union has sent Marshal Ivan S. Konev, former military commander of the Warsaw pact and one of Russia's top soldiers, to command its forces drawn up against the West in Germany.

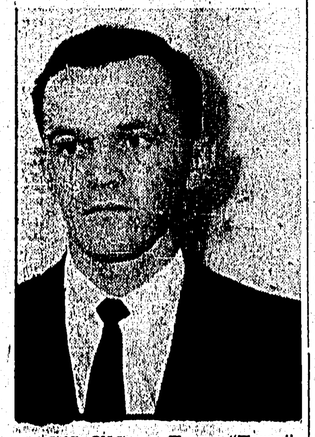
Konev's appointment as commander-in-chief of Soviet forces in East Germany was revealed as East German Communist chief Walter Ulbricht, just got back from Moscow, called for Soviet aid in the defence of East Germany's borders and new moves to stem the rising flood of refugees escaping to the West.

Konev's appointment underlined the mounting East-West tension in the struggle over divided Berlin. It was announced just three days after Soviet Premier Khrushchev threatened to mobilize Russian reserves.

Konev takes command of an estimated 20 divisions or more amid mounting Communist charges that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's West German government and the major NATO powers are threatening war over Berlin.

Ulbricht in a speech to workers in an East Berlin factory said:

"The borders of the German Democratic Republic must, if necessary, be defended militarily against the militarists in Bonn, and by the forces of the Soviet Union as well as the National People's Army."



JOINS UIC — Taras "Terry" Blocka, 32, arrived in town today to take up the post of supervisor of the insurance department of the Unemployment Insurance Commission. Mr. Blocka was transferred here from the Princeton branch of the UIC. Prior to Princeton he was with the Vancouver office. Mr. Blocka has been with the UIC for three and a half years. Born in Saskatchewan, Mr. Blocka moved to B.C. in 1954. A married man with two children, Mr. Blocka is an ardent curler, baseball fan and a member of Kinsmen. He succeeds Gordon McDermid who was transferred to Mission City. — Staff photo by Gary Oakes.

Sidewalk fire extinguished

Firemen were called to the Grand Cafe about 10:45 a.m. Friday when a fire was discovered under the sidewalk.

The blaze was extinguished by water before it caught on to the building or caused any damage.

It is not known what started the fire.

Stolen car sought

RCMP have launched an extensive search for a 1951 red pick-up truck stolen from Stromdahl's Service Station, 250 Second Avenue West sometime between noon Wednesday and 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

The truck, owned by Webster Pierce of 1041 Graham Avenue, bears B.C. licence plates: CE5-609.

Three vessels sell halibut

Three vessels landed halibut in Prince Rupert today.

Selling on the exchange was Kaare II with 55,000 pounds including 43,000 pounds of medium at 23.5 cents a pound; 4,000 pounds of large at 25.7 cents a pound; and 8,000 pounds of chix at 15 cents a pound, to B.C. Packers.

Viking with 22,000 pounds and Lois N with 28,000 pounds landed at the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association's plant at Fairview.

Prince Rupert has now gone 0 3 4 days without a fatal traffic accident and 114 days without a fire fatality.

City pioneer dies aged 77

A well-known business man, one of the oldest pioneers of Prince Rupert, died last night in the Prince Rupert General Hospital after a long illness.

Sydney Hamblin, 420 Fourth Avenue East, was born in England 77 years ago, and came to Prince Rupert on December 7, 1907.

He helped clear right-of-way for the CNR, and drove for the Pioneer Laundry from 1915 till 1930. He then operated his own business, the Peerless Laundry, until retirement in 1954.

He was predeceased by his wife, Erna in 1943.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lloyd (Phyllis) Bowman, Prince Rupert, and Mrs. Ralph (Eileen) DeCoursey, Vancouver, and six grandchildren. A brother, Arthur, resides in Vancouver, a brother, George, in San Francisco and five brothers and one sister in England.

Funeral services will take place Monday at 2:30 p.m. at Ferguson Funeral Home, Mr. M. L. Pollock officiating. Interment to follow at Fairview Cemetery in the KP plot.

Mr. Hamblin was a member of the First Baptist Church and was an active member of the now-defunct Knights of Pythias.

Impaired driver sent to jail

Impaired driving resulted in a 14-day jail sentence for Vernon Leroy Movold of 910 Alfred Street Friday in police court.

Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite imposed the sentence and issued an order prohibiting Movold from driving anywhere in Canada for four months.

Movold pleaded not guilty to the charge August 4 and was remanded until today for decision.

The charge was laid after Movold was discovered erratically driving a motor-vehicle in the city July 15. It was his second offence.

World News Briefs

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet cosmonaut Gherman Titov said today he was ejected from his space ship at the end of his epic 25-hour orbital flight and parachuted to earth.

The second Soviet spaceman told a jammed press conference his spaceship Vostok II came down separately by parachute "but if the need had arisen, I could have landed it myself."

PERPIGNAM, France (AP) — Gen. Jean Gilles, who commanded French airborne troops at Suez in 1956, died of a heart attack Thursday. He was 57.

TEHRAN (AP) — The Shah of Iran will be crowned on May 14, 1963, at the climax of celebrations marking the 2,500th anniversary of Iran's monarchy, it was announced Thursday. The shah succeeded to the throne in 1942 but postponed his coronation until the birth of a male heir. Last October, Crown Prince Reza was born and cleared the way for the shah to mount the peacock throne.

TOKYO (AP) — Truncheon-wielding policemen repelled a march on the Soviet Embassy today by more than 1,000 Japanese ultra-rightists protesting the visit next week of Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Premier Bennett of British Columbia was presented the key to San Francisco Thursday and responded by predicting future political success for Mayor George Christopher. Bennett told accompanying members of his government that Christopher is the "next Republican governor of California."

Second man fined for fight

Fighting cost a city man $15 and $2.50 costs or eight days Friday in police court.

Mathew Frank Gurney of 522 Fulton Street pleaded guilty to the charge before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

The charge involved a fight between Gurney and John Lincoln of Prince Rupert early last Saturday morning on Third Avenue West.

Lincoln was fined $15 on Saturday.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Don't rush for work in north warns Bonner

VANCOUVER (CP) — Attorney-General Bonner says its not time yet to rush north for jobs on the Peace River power project.

'It isn't going to start the day after tomorrow," he said in a telephone interview from San Francisco when asked whether there would be any opportunities for construction workers in the near future at the dam sites.

Fires 'fantastic'

VANCOUVER (CP) — An army of men today continued an exasperating game of chess in British Columbia's scared forests. "We make a move — then the fire makes a move," said one northern forestry official describing one of the province's 281 forest fires. "It's like a fantastic game of chess."

Suspect injured

VANCOUVER (CP) — A man suspected of drug trafficking suffered a broken jaw Thursday in a fight with two drug squad officers. Police said 52-year-old Clifford Dawley, who was later charged with trafficking in drugs, tried to avoid arrest at a heroin cache.

Reds welcomed

VANCOUVER (CP) — A perspiring audience of more than 6,000 persons crowded the hard stands at Exhibition Forum Thursday night to give a tumultuous welcome to Russia's renowned Red Army chorus.

Traffic needs 'copter

VANCOUVER (CP) — Police here are considering use of a helicopter to direct city traffic. Chief Constable Gordon Archer said Thursday the department's increased interest in such an aircraft followed a report by two executive officers who studied a helicopter - traffic operation in Seattle.

Coins kidnapped

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP) — Thieves who "kidnapped" four coins from a display case at Irving House history centre then left a ransome note will find they've double - crossed themselves. Police said the coins are merely metal replicas of $10 and $20 gold pieces minted in 1862 and have no value.

Unusual concessions

VANCOUVER (CP) — The B.C. government has inherited some unusual employee concessions as a result of its takeover of the B.C. Electric Company. The majority of the company's 5,200 employees have fringe benefits the average civil servants would never get. They get a 25-per-cent reduction in their gas bills and about 25-per-cent reduction on their electricity bills and free transit passes.

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy tomorrow with little change in temperature. Light winds. Low tonight and high tomorrow 55 and 65.

TIDES

Saturday, August 12, 1961
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High	01:41	20.4 feet
	14:22	19.2 feet
Low	08:08	3.0 feet
	20:16	6.7 feet

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