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FIRST TO CAST VOTE at the opening of the Civic election polls this morning was R. H. Milligan, who dropped into the Civic Centre on his way home from work at the CCC mill. The polls opened promptly at 8 a.m. but it was some minutes before voters started to appear. A total of 3,780 persons in Prince Rupert are eligible to vote for any three of six candidates.
— Staff photo by John Pain

Voting slow as electors choose new city councillors at Centre

Voting at the polls for the civic election today until mid-day was reported as slow by deputy Returning Officer David Wilson, who said that in the four hours the polls had been open only 198 persons had cast their ballots.

He compared the voting with that of a byelection held in 1959 when a mere 148 persons voted in the first four hours of the polling times.

First to the polls this morning was R. H. Milligan, an employee at the Columbia Cellulose Company who was coming off night shift at the mill.

Eight poll clerks are on duty in the auditorium of the Civic Centre checking names as voters come in. They are Mrs. R. R. Whiteley, Mrs. K. Hill, Mrs. S. V. Cox, Mrs. L. Brain, Mrs. V. Grantham, Mrs. A. B. L. Ljungh, Mrs. T. J. Boulter and Mrs. H. M. Britten, with Mrs. R. E. McGowan as deputy Returning Officer for School Board 52.

Six candidates are standing for election to the three vacant seats on the city council. They are H. J. Scholten, V. P. Dexter, W. J. Prusky, Norman Bellis, Michael Krueger and Darrow Gomez. The latter three have been on council for the past two-year terms.

Three candidates have been watching progress at the polls this morning. They were Dexter, Scholten and Pursky. All six spoke at a rally organized by the Community Ratepayers Association Tuesday night in the SON Hall.

The polls close tonight at 8 p.m. In addition to voting for candidates resident electors are asked to approve a money bylaw for School Board 52 amounting to $542,150 for an additional school and extra classrooms and equipment.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is providing a transport service for those who need it to the polls until the close of voting tonight at 8 p.m. A phone call to 2375 or 6325 and a member of the Jaycees will make arrangements for a car to call.

CORRECTION

A trailer which was in collision with an RCMP vehicle Tuesday was not the property of the B.C. Forest Service, it was stated today.

Two districts to arbitrate teachers' pay

VANCOUVER (CP) — Only two British Columbia school districts—Terrace and South Cariboo—will go to arbitration to settle 1962 teachers salaries. It is the lowest number in recent years.

Seventy-three districts settled by negotiations and seven needed conciliation.

Under the Public Schools Act the arbitration boards must hand down their binding awards by December 31.

Under chairman Dr. Denis Smith of the University of B.C., an arbitration board will sit on the South Cariboo dispute at Ashcroft December 12.

The board to hear the Terrace dispute will sit at Terrace December 15 with J. C. McRae of Prince Rupert as chairman.

J. T. Harvey of Prince Rupert will represent the school board and D. E. McTaggart of Vancouver the teachers.

Daily service planned for freight

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP) — Plans for a checking system which would serve all southeast Alaska from a base in Seattle, Wash., through the use of the new Southeast Alaska Ferry was announced here today.

The new firm will be launched by Puget Sound Freight Line of Seattle, but will be incorporated in Alaska said Howard Lovejoy, president and general manager. He said the plan is to haul tractor-drawn trailers over B.C. highways to Prince Rupert and then load them onto ferries for their southeast Alaska calls and deliveries.

He added that third-morning delivery of goods will be guaranteed in Ketchikan. The service is to be a daily one, he concluded.

Mrs. Johnson dies in hospital

Mrs. Katharine Johnson of Nanaimo, proprietoress of the Alice Arm Hotel, died in Prince Rupert General Hospital this morning.

She is survived by her two sons, Leslie of Long Beach, California, and Merle of Nanaimo; and three grandchildren. Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Women of the Moose.

The remains will be transported to Nanaimo where funeral arrangements will be made.

EDMONTON (CP)—Premier Steel Mills Limited of Edmonton announced Tuesday it will begin negotiations next month with Japanese steel interests for the sale of concentrated iron ore from its Peace River, Alta, deposits. G. R. Heffernan, Premier general manager, said tests in Japan of 200 tons of briquettes from Peace River ore have been completed.

MONTREAL (CP) — Hum Chuck, 70, was sentenced to 30 days in jail Wednesday after he admitted assisting in the illegal entry into Canada of three Chinese from Hong Kong.

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Katanga-UN battles continue into third day of street fighting

European snipers pose big problem

ELISABETHVILLE (CP from Reuters-AP) — Fierce fighting raged in Elisabethville for the third straight day today as tough UN Gurkha troops smoked out pockets of Katanga forces in a street-by-street battle for control of this war-torn city.

The UN troops, backed by armored cars, pressed their attacks with machine - guns, mortar fire and grenades. But the Katangans were resisting fiercely despite heavy losses.

In the air, the UN had established complete superiority with its strong force of Indian Canberra jet bombers and Swedish Saab fighters.

UN jets were ordered to attack targets in the Elisabethville area today in support of UN ground operations.

But the UN air strength was of little offensive advantage in the fighting which has brought no clearcut fronts or battle lines.

CAN'T SEPARATE FORCES

A strafing attack would be virtually impossible at this time because of an inability to clearly separate the UN and Katanga forces.

But a UN spokesman warned today that if heavy sniping on UN forces continued the UN would start taking action which might result in loss of civilian life and heavy damage to property, an obvious reference to an air attack.

The snipers, many of them Europeans holed up in their homes, have harassed UN troops as they pressed forward house by house and garden by garden.

Four Europeans were among the 20 dead at the Queen Elizabeth hospital in this provincial capital.

Some of the heaviest fighting has raged around a vital tunnel on the road between the city and the camp of Swedish UN troops.

FIGHT OVER TUNNEL

The Katangans were dislodged from the tunnel Wednesday night but today it appeared to be under no one's control.

Heavy fighting also centred around a traffic circle on the outskirts of Elisabethville and the UN headquarters and its adjoining military camp.

The traffic circle was on the road to the airport which has seen constant fighting for the last 24 hours.

The road is flanked by dense bush country from which the Katangese have frequently sought refuge before regrouping for new attacks.

Caught in the crossfire of one battle was a group of 21 American Seventh - day Adventist missionaries.

They were trapped in a house adjoining the United Nations military headquarters and attempts were being made to evacuate them. They have suffered no serious casualties but several have minor injuries caused by falling plaster from the bullet-potted house.

In the city's business district, the streets were deserted except for military vehicles, many of them camouflaged with tree branches.

EUROPEANS STRANDED

Most of the city's 7,000 Europeans were stranded in their homes or in places where they took refuge when the fighting started.

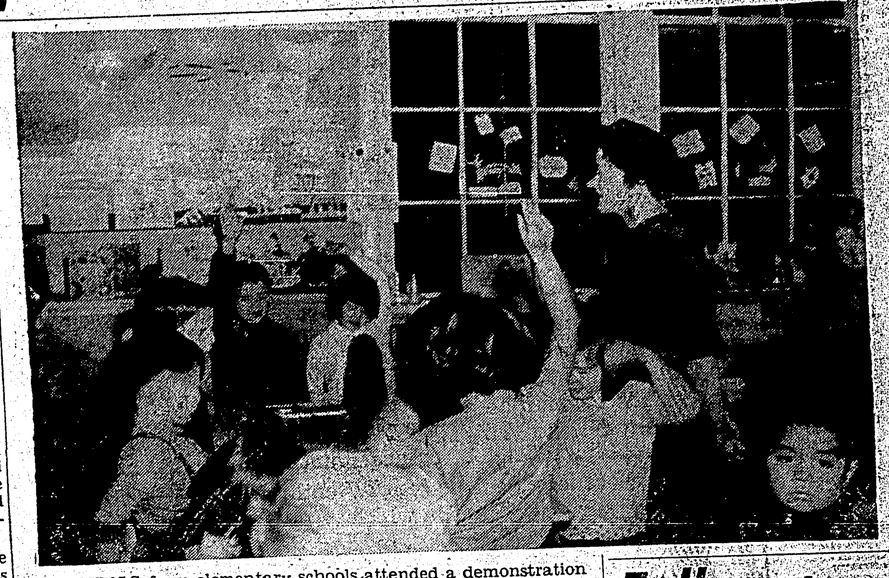
UN jets today struck at Katangan ammunition dumps six miles outside Elisabethville and explosions rocked the heart of the capital.

Katangans launched another attack against the UN headquarters just outside of the city at daybreak after a tropical thunderstorm brought firing to a halt during the night.

The U.S. embassy in Leopoldville said an American Air Force Globemaster was fired on over Elisabethville, and the U.S. airlift was suspended while commanders in Leopoldville and Washington consulted on security arrangements for the planes.

American sources said the small arms firing came from the official residence of Katanga President Moise Tshombe while the Globemaster was coming in to land at Elisabethville Airport. Several bullets hit the fuselage but no serious damage was caused. Tshombe's villa is on one of the approaches to the airport.

The Globemaster was one of six heavy transports carrying reinforcements and supplies to UN forces in the Katanga capital.



PRINCIPALS from elementary schools attended a demonstration at Conrad Elementary School Tuesday of the Cuisenaire Method of teaching number work. Conducting the demonstration was Miss P. M. Allen. The children first worked with colored rods to "see" and "feel" the various number combinations used in a regular arithmetic lesson. Later the students transferred this concrete association to work in figures on the blackboard.
— Staff photo by John Pain

Nehru threatens action against Portuguese Goa

NEW DELHI (Reuters)—Prime Minister Nehru said today India no longer can tolerate the situation in the Portuguese enclave of Goa where Portugal is building up troops on the frontier.

"We feel we should be perfectly prepared for any developments and consequences," Nehru told Parliament.

His statements followed an Indian government claim that Portuguese troops crossed into India territory from Goa this week and opened fire.

Nehru said Portugal's attitude in the Goa dispute was "exasperating in the extreme" and made it "difficult for us to restrain our feelings and consequent actions.

"Obviously there can be no solution to the Portuguese problem, except by the Portuguese government walking out of Goa. There is no middle way.

"The present situation is not to be tolerated."

A government spokesman said unconfirmed reports place between 8,000 and 10,000 Portuguese troops in Goa. A curfew was in force in the main towns and troops had orders to shoot on sight if it was broken.

The spokesman said there was oppression and torture inside the Portuguese enclave on India's west coast.

The spokesman said India might change its policy and move troops into Goa if there were any further shooting incidents.

RCMP are searching for a Scottish sailor who jumped ship at Kitimat earlier this week.

Robert Dingwall Small Thomson from Dundee, Scotland, is believed to be in this area or Terrace. He is off the Norwegian freighter Gudvin which is presently docked at Kitimat.

U.S. group crosses line

HELMSTEDT (AP)—First units of a U.S. battle group bound for duty in West Berlin passed through the Soviet checkpoint on the Iron Curtain border today without hindrance and rolled off down the 110-mile autobahn through Communist East Germany.

Russian troops at the border cleared the first company of the 1,500-man battle group in 39 minutes, normal time for the 200 men and 25 vehicles making a new demonstration of Allied rights of access to the Red-encircled city.

Soviet authorities earlier protested the recent setup in movements over the autobahn as provocations "fraught with dangerous consequences" and Communist East Germany said Wednesday night that free movement of U.S. NATO troops along the superhighway never has been guaranteed by the East German regime or the Russians.

Full ports slow down timber sales

Government restrictions and harbor congestion in Japan is expected to slow down the export of lumber to that country from Prince Rupert Sawmills, said general manager J. H. Mann today.

He said it is expected that the regular monthly shipload of approximately 2,000,000 board feet per month to Osaka, Japan, for Ataka New York Inc. will drop to one ship about every six weeks until such time as the situation in Japan clears up.

Prince Rupert Shipping Ltd., which also has a regular shipment to Japan of logs, does not expect there will be any holdup in shipments to Japanese ports. Two vessels are expected towards the end of this month, the company said.

Mr. Mann said he has approached the Canadian National Railways for use of property owned by them adjacent to the present sawmill site by the old graving dock. The additional space will be required for piling of timber which would normally have been cleared by the regular shipments.

In Vancouver the British Columbia Lumber Manufacturers Association said yesterday that the recent upsurge in exports to Japan will virtually cease until next Spring.

The association said that 121,000,000 board feet of lumber have been shipped to Japan in the first 10 months of this year as compared to 1,000,000 during the same period last year.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Strachan to demand payoff explanation

VICTORIA (CP) — Opposition party leaders Wednesday promised to demand at next month's session of the B.C. legislature a full government accounting of the Wenner-Gren "payoff" for the Peace River power project.

The government has never officially disclosed how much it paid Peace River Power Development Company Limited for all the plans of engineering and surveying on the project, which now is being built by B.C. Electric.

Hear murder evidence

PRINCE GEORGE (CP)—A witness told an assize court judge Wednesday that he and a man now charged with non - capital murder sat for 20 minutes and drank wine four feet from a dead and almost naked woman. Charles Hamilton Rombough is charged in the death October 21 of Hazel Cousins, the woman with whom he had been living at Upper Fraser, 50 miles northeast of here.

Dismiss police appeal

VANCOUVER (CP) — Mr. Justice R. A. Wootton Wednesday dismissed the appeal of a city police officer who said he had been wrongfully punished by the police commission for associating with a woman once convicted of keeping a bawdy house.

Magistrate's warning

NANAIMO (CP) — Magistrate Lionel Beevor - Potts warned Wednesday he is going to increase penalties for impaired driving here. The warning was issued as he fined Gordon Walter Scott $150 and prohibited him from driving for 10 days.

Less unemployment

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP)—The number of persons seeking work here is 1,000 less than the same time last year, The National Employment Service Wednesday said the current totals are 6,713 men and 2,302 women.

Herring dragger crew reported missing as vessel sinks in heavy seas yesterday

VANCOUVER (CP)— A 54-foot herring dragger with four men on board was reported to have sunk in heavy seas 15 miles northeast of Nanaimo Wednesday.

The RCAF search and rescue centre here said it received a message that the Cape Norman was sinking one-quarter mile off Maude Island. It could not confirm that the vessel had gone down but has listed the men as missing.

Radio station CKNW carried a report that the vessel sank by the stern. It said a search vessel reported that the last message received from Capt. Tom Wilson of White Rock was: "The dingy with three men on board has capsized."

The RCAF said it could not confirm that there were men in the dingy.

The air-sea rescue centre said high winds and seas made search operations nearly impossible.

Officials identified the crew as: Engineer Dave Faulkner, hometown unknown; Bob Sherbourn of Union Bay and Boyd Fuerst of North Vancouver.

The plea for help from the stricken vessel was relayed by the fishing vessel Adriatic Star.

Other vessels directed to the area were the fishing vessels Waimalo and Pacific Mate and two Nanaimo tugs, the Davis Strait with Captain William Crankshaw in command, was appointed search master.

Special order

VANCOUVER (CP) — A special order from Pentleton for a summer dress led to the discovery of the theft of more than $2,500 worth of women's suits and coats from a city women's shop. The special order dress was missing and a further check showed a number of other garments also missing. The theft could have occurred any time in the last three weeks.

World News Briefs

MANILA (AP) — Choleriform enteritis, a disease resembling cholera, has taken a toll of 257 dead on the Philippine island of Samap, the government reported today. A total of 2,020 cases since mid-October was reported, and the disease has spread to neighboring Cebu and Bohol islands.

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Delaware moved today to restore capital punishment, make whip-lashing mandatory punishment for certain felonies and render lifetermers ineligible for parole. The state Senate voted 12-3 Wednesday to restore the death penalty, legislated out of existence three years ago. The measure, already passed by the state's lower legislative chamber, calls for hanging in cases involving murder, rape, treason and kidnapping.

BERLIN (Reuters) — Four West German soldiers defected to East Germany recently, the East German news agency ADN said Wednesday.

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — South African Zulu Leader Albert Luthuli left Johannesburg again Tuesday for Oslo to collect his 1960 Nobel Peace Prize. Luthuli stayed at the airport overnight under guard after the plane taking him and his wife to London was forced to return Tuesday because of mechanical trouble.

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet government Tuesday announced a record-breaking 1962 budget including an increase in military spending of almost 50 per cent over that originally planned in 1961.

Driver found not guilty

A charge of failing to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian in a cross-walk was dismissed Tuesday afternoon in police court by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite on the grounds of insufficient evidence.

Harold Unick of 1332 First Overlook, represented by defence counsel W. N. Poole, had pleaded not guilty to the charge which was laid following an incident about 7:40 p.m. November 3 when Mrs. Thelma Ryan was in collision with a car near the intersection of Sixth Avenue East and Ambrose Avenue.

Prince Rupert has now gone 1,051 days without a fatal traffic accident and 251 days without a fire fatality.

Safety Week deaths down

By The Canadian Press

Only two provinces had traffic fatalities Wednesday, the sixth day of Canada't Safe-Driving Week.

The six deaths, four in Ontario and two in Quebec, brought the traffic toll for the period up to 41 deaths, 16 fatalities fewer than occurred during the whole of the seven-day program last year.

WEATHER

A few clouds Friday with a clear night. Turning colder. Winds northeast 25 in mainland inlets. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 28 and 40.

TIDES

Friday, December 8, 1961
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	01:33	20.3 feet
	13:10	23.2 feet
Low	07:18	6.0 feet
	19:57	1.8 feet