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Unemployment increase small statistics bureau figures show

Congo fight continues

ELISABETHVILLE (Reuters)—United Nations forces today pressed their campaign to smoke out resisting pockets of Katanga troops as the battle for this embattled city entered its eighth day.

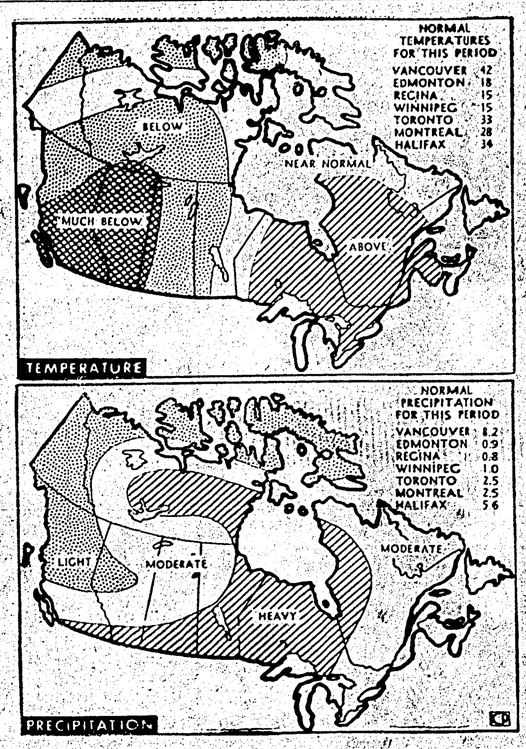
Heavy fighting Monday brought a withering UN mortar assault on the northeast corner of the city, still almost wholly in Katanga hands.

UN patrols also bore down on the outskirts of the city in an attempt to clear snipers who have been harassing the UN headquarters from hideouts in neighboring buildings.

In the air, the UN retained its superiority but held back from new strafing attacks on Elisabethville for fear of heavy civilian casualties.

However, UN fighters and bombers were reported to have made raids on other Katanga strongholds, including Kolwezi, an important industrial centre 150 miles northwest of the capital.

The UN said the attacks destroyed a power station at Kolwezi, two fuel tanks and a railway engine. Other air raids also were reported to have been made against the Katanga military centres of Jadotville and Luena.



COOL WEATHER FORECAST — The long-range outlook for this area shows we may be in for cooler weather for the next month. The United States weather bureau prediction also indicates light rain for the period to mid-January. — CP Newsmap

Half of jobless said under 25

OTTAWA (CP)—Unemployment in Canada rose by 31,000 to 349,000 at mid-November from 318,000 in October—"an unusually small increase"—the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today.

The November jobless figure was 80,000 lower than for the same month of 1960 and represented 5.4 per cent of the Canadian labor force, compared to 6.6 per cent a year ago.

It was the fourth month in a row in which unemployment declined from the corresponding period of 1960 following 17 successive months of increases in the year-to-year comparison.

FARM FORCE DROPS

The bureau said employment declined less than seasonally between October and November, mainly because of strength in the manufacturing industry. The employment drop of 65,000 occurred mainly in the farm force.

Manufacturing employment, which normally declines at this time of year because of cuts in food processing and the output of construction materials, was unchanged from October.

Total employment was two per cent higher than in November a year ago with the manufacturing and service industries making sharp gains. The figure of employed at mid-November was 6,155,000 compared with 6,220,000 in October and 6,029,000 a year earlier.

The picture in brief, with estimates in thousands:

	Nov. 1961	Oct. 1961	Nov. 1960
Labor Force	6,504	6,538	6,458
Employed	6,155	6,220	6,029
Unemployed	349	318	429

The report is based on a survey of 35,000 households across Canada.

Unemployment declined in the Quebec region during the month but increased in the Atlantic, Ontario, Prairie and Pacific regions. Employment figures were unchanged in Quebec and Ontario but showed drops for the three other areas of the country.

Of the 349,000 jobless, 307,000 were looking for full-time work, 24,000 were seeking part-time jobs and the other 18,000 were on temporary layoffs of up to 30 days.

Of these, 291,000 were men as compared to 262,000 men in the previous month. Half of the men were married and nearly one-third were under 25 years of age.

HALF UNDER 25

The 58,000 unemployed women included 17,000 married women. Half of the women were under 25.

Out of the jobless total, 122,000 had been out of work for one to three months. Another 106,000 had been job-hunting for less than a month, 45,000 had been unemployed for four to six months and 58,000 for seven months or more.

The decline in the labor force during the month was "in line with the seasonal pattern," the bureau said.

PACIFIC REGION

A small seasonal decline in employment caused unemployment to rise 4,000 to 38,000 in the month, 6.5 per cent of the labor force. This compared with 57,000 and 9.8 per cent a year ago and an October rate of 5.8 per cent.

Bad weather forced layoffs in forestry work and completion of the canning season was another factor in the job drop. The goods-producing industries also reported lower employment, although sawmills and the iron and steel industry were strong.

DISTRICT 52 SCHOOL BOARD chairman W. J. Scott holds painting by city artist Ruth Harvey and former school board chairman Dr. R. G. Large holds a bound book of testimonials, which were presented to Mrs. Myrtle M. Roper at a dinner staged by the school board at the Club 27 last night. The dinner, attended by City, Department of Education, Teacher Association and Parent-Teacher Council representatives and trustees, was held to honor Mrs. Roper on her retirement as secretary-treasurer to the board after 12 years. — Staff photo by Dick Ayres

Testimonial dinner given Mrs. M.M. Roper

A book of letters, testifying to the efficient, lengthy and devoted service given School District 52 by Mrs. Myrtle M. Roper as secretary-treasurer, made a gathering honoring Mrs. Roper a true "testimonial dinner" at the Club 27 last night.

The letters, bound into a book with a gold-embossed black cover, was presented to Mrs. Roper by former District 52 school board chairman Dr. R. G. Large.

DIGNITARIES ATTEND

The dinner was attended by school trustees, Mayor P. J. Lester and representatives of the City of Prince Rupert, the Department of Education, the teaching staff, the Parent-Teacher Council and the press.

W. J. Scott, current chairman of the school board and master of ceremonies for the dinner, presented Mrs. Roper with a painting by city artist Ruth Harvey.

BOOK PRESENTED

In presenting the former secretary-treasurer with the book of testimonials, Dr. Large said that during his long term of office as a member and chairman of the school board, "the smartest thing I ever did was to hire Mrs. Roper as secretary-treasurer."

He said that the book of letters was tangible evidence of the "high esteem," in which Mrs. Roper was held.

There were letters from Minister of Education Leslie R. Peterson, Mayor P. J. Lester, J. F. K. English, deputy minister of education, Wilfred Graham, assistant superintendent of schools for British Columbia, S. E. Espley, comptroller of expenditures for the Department of Education, E. E. Hyndman, chief inspector of schools for B.C., Joseph Chell, assistant district superintendent of schools for Victoria, District 52 schools superintendent Gordon M. Paton, former mayor George E. Hills, R. F. Lucas, superintendent for Districts 12, 13 and 14, E. R. McNaughton, secretary - treasurer for District 80 at Kitimat, A. D. Jones, superintendent for Districts 65 and 64, J. M. Phillipson, superintendent for District 57 at Prince George, A. Bruce Brown, former trustee for District 52, Bergie Thorsteinsson, of the Northern Affairs and National Resources Department, Dr. R. G. Large, Edward Wells, secretary - treasurer of District 53 at Terrace and Arne Lien, Mrs. Roper's successor as secretary - treasurer of District 52 in Prince Rupert.

'JOB INTERESTING'

In thanking the school districts for the testimonials and the school board for the painting, Mrs. Roper said that she had considered her job as a privilege. It was "interesting and challenging," she said.

She paid tribute to the cooperation she had received from the City of Prince Rupert, City Administrator R. W. Long, the teaching staff of District 52 and the "strong leadership of Dr. Large and Mr. Scott." She also lauded trustees A. J. Dominato, J. B. Davis, K. F. Harding, Mrs. A. L. Bell, William Dibben and Leonard Loucks. She also recalled the legal assistance of former trustee A. Bruce Brown and "his facetious remarks."

Mrs. Roper extended best wishes to her successor, Mr. Lien, and hoped his experience with the school board would be as satisfying as hers.

Mrs. Bell and Mr. Lien were in charge of arrangements for the dinner.

Bellis calls for poll tax on bachelors

Bachelors and spinsters who work in and reside in Prince Rupert may have to watch their taxation steps if a move by Alderman Norman Bellis recieves too much attention from city council.

Referring to a suggestion from the provincial government that city councils should 'explore' avenues for the raising of further taxes, he suggested a revival of the Poll Tax.

This, he suggested, should be levied on single people working in the city who are not property owners. He said: "I realize they pay rents but they pay no taxes." He went on to suggest the council look into the matter.

Ald. Norton Youngs suggested that if a poll tax was re-introduced then all who vote at the polls should have their tax refunded.

Mayor P. J. Lester explained that the tax had been in force and it had proved impractical. He said that the tax was so expensive to enforce and collect that it barely paid for itself and he did not think it would benefit the city.

Non-property owners, said Ald. Carlson, pay taxes through the rents they pay and a poll tax did not apply. Ald. Bellis, who had mentioned only bachelors, was 'reprimanded' by Mayor Lester for being 'discriminatory.' Ald. Bellis hastily amended that 'I meant spinsters, too.'

Ald. Michael Krueger, apropos of Ald. Young's refund remark, suggested that all who vote at the polls should have their taxes refunded. Ald. Don Ritchie then painted a terrifying picture of eastern practices where sheriffs descended on bachelors and sold their goods in the streets to the highest bidders if the bachelors had not met their taxes by a certain date. (Reporter's Note: The only bachelor in the council chambers visibly quailed during this recital.)

The matter will be investigated by City Administrator R. W. Long and he will report to council's next meeting.

Council to press for resurfacing of Highway 16 within city limits

The City Council decided Monday night to press for the resurfacing of Highway 16 within the city boundaries following a letter from R. E. McKeown, district superintendent of the Department of Highways.

The council will make their appeal direct to the department in Victoria with a copy of their letter to the district superintendent.

In his letter to the council Mr. McKeown said that a complaint from the council "referred to the period of time when pot holes appeared the rule rather than the exception."

He went on to point out that steps had been taken to rectify this condition and that resurfacing of the entire highway was under consideration by the department.

Alderman Gordon Carlson told the meeting he considered the department was using inferior material as much of repairs had been back to their original condition within days of the work being carried out.

He said he felt the department should be congratulated for their work in the widening of McBride Street with so little traffic dislocation.

Alderman Donald Ritchie said he considered the entire highway needed resurfacing within city limits and that this method should be pressed with the department so that the work should be carried out before summer or as soon as possible. "It will not be long before the government starts budgetting," he said, "and this is time to get in so that this work may be included."

Alderman Ritchie's suggestion was adopted by the council with information to be passed to Mr. McKeown.

Vehicle rolled on Ninth Avenue

An 18-year-old city youth is in satisfactory condition in hospital while another person has been charged with driving without a licence following a motor-vehicle accident in the 600 block Ninth Avenue West early Saturday morning.

Harvey Jackson of 516 Fulton Street is suffering abrasions to face and chest after being thrown out of the vehicle.

George James Jackson of Prince Rupert was charged with driving without a licence and is scheduled to appear in police court shortly.

The vehicle was travelling west on Ninth Avenue West when it suddenly went out of control, rolled over and landed right-side up.

City man buried in Legion plot

The funeral of Joseph Henry Trudeau of 1443 Piggott Avenue was held Saturday morning from the Church of the Annunciation.

Rev. James Tracey sang the Mass for Mr. Trudeau who died in the Vancouver General Hospital December 4 at the age of 47 years.

Pallbearers were Michael Schwab, James Nicoll, Swan Carlson, Albert Majore, Kayo Hennessy, Peter Hogg and Sherman Gray from Oona River.

Interment was in the Royal Canadian Legion plot at Fairview.

Prince Rupert has now gone 1,056 days without a fatal traffic accident and 256 days without a fire fatality.

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Councillors perplexed by dog pound location

It was surprising Monday night how many aldermen, including the mayor, who did not know where the city dog pound was located or what the conditions prevailed, following a complaint laid by Alderman Gordon Carlson and referring to an incident involving a savage dog in which he had been implicated.

Ald. Carlson said the pound was inadequate to handle the number of dogs roaming the streets at the moment. He made particular reference to a dog over which he contacted the poundkeeper and was told there was no place to put the animal.

In the course of much discussion it arose that neither Ald. Youngs, Ritchie, Carlson or Krueger, with Mayor P. J. Lester, knew where the pound was located, what its facilities or the volume which it could handle.

Ald. Darrow Gomez, who brought this matter up about a year ago in council, points out that the poundkeeper was now on halftime dog catching and halftime working in the cemetery. At that time he said he told the council that such an arrangement could only result in dogs roaming the streets as the poundkeeper would not have time to do the job.

Mayor Lester pointed out the problem was not one of whether the poundkeeper had time to handle the work, but whether or not he had the facilities to cope with the stray dogs in the city boundaries.

"There appears to be a breakdown in communication," said Mayor Lester. "The poundkeeper should be able to bring his problems in this regard to the council's attention and there appears to have been a case here where he has not been able to do so."

Ald. Carlson, who had a personal interest in the apprehension of at least one dog, moved the works superintendent confer with the poundkeeper and construct whatever was required to house the dogs caught.

More cautiously Ald. Ritchie proposed Carl Gustafson, works superintendent, should find out how much the project might cost, what was needed and then make a report to the city council at the next meeting. Mayor Lester then suggested there should be an administrative check-up to find out why the poundkeeper's complaints, when they applied, had not been brought to council's attention.

Ald. Ritchie's motion was adopted by council.

Ask crackdown on kids bicycles

Children riding bikes without lights on the streets after dark may expect to be treated more severely in the future.

Alderman T. Norton Youngs brought the matter up last night, pointing out the inherent danger in this practise both to the rider and the pedestrian.

He asked council to refer the matter to the police committee for action. The motion was carried.

Section 2 safe

A bylaw regarding the rezoning of a portion of Section 2, which was recently the subject of considerable public controversy, was struck off last night. The motion for this move was made by Alderman Donald Ritchie.

Carnival plans

VERNON (C) — Vernon will hold its annual winter carnival February 16-26. Events include a bonspiel, ice revue, "Snowflake Ball," Okanagan Valley ski championships and crowning of Queen Silver Star II.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Power corporation plans to share $90,000,000

VANCOUVER (CP) — The British Columbia Power Corporation will be permitted to hold a special shareholders meeting to approve distribution of about $90,000,000 of the amount it received from the provincial government for the takeover of the B.C. Electric Company.

Mr. Justice J. O. Wilson of the B.C. Supreme Court Monday disallowed an application by the Royal Trust Company for an order prohibiting the meeting until B.C. Power's suit against the provincial government is settled.

Big ships costly

VICTORIA (CP) — Fisheries Minister MacLean said it would be "uneconomic" for the West Coast fishing industry to construct large fleets of costly deep-sea fishing vessels and factory ships. He said in an interview, biggest problem facing British Columbia fishermen is not inefficiency, but conservation of Canada's Pacific fishery resources.

Fallout count high

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — The highest reading of radioactivity in uneau since Russia resumed nuclear testing in the atmosphere last September was reached here Sunday according to the health department monitoring station. The reading was 14.37 microcuries. The previous high was 11.7 on November 30.

Army to stage demonstration of national survival work

The first demonstration of national survival techniques will be given by militia trainees at the Navy Drill Hall on McBride Street and Second Avenue West Thursday night.

The 50 men who have been training for the past six weeks under the new program introduced by the minister of defence, will stage a demonstration of first aid, raising and lowering of bodies, fallout detection equipment, display and explain equipment.

The demonstration will be preceded by a formal March Past and parade at which Mayor P. J. Lester will take the salute.

Other city dignitaries, service officers and prominent persons, in addition to the public, are invited to attend. The evening commences at 7 p.m.

A further course in national survival will commence January 8 for a period of six weeks. The aim is to have 100,000 men trained throughout Canada in survival techniques.

Dog's owner faces charge

A city man is to be charged with owning a savage dog after a 10-year-old boy was bitten.

Roland Leblanc of 760 Alfred Street is expected to be charged shortly.

He apparently owns a German shepherd which bit Kern Carlson, son of Ald. and Mrs. Gordon S. Carlson of 845 Eleventh Avenue East. The boy was treated by a doctor but apparently didn't require hospital treatment.

Careless backing brings $10 fine

Ralph Thomas Salonen of 1341 Piggot Avenue was fined $10 and $2.50 costs or in default of payment four days in jail today when he appeared in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite on a charge of backing out from a curb when it was unsafe.

Salonen pleaded not guilty to the charge but was convicted after trial. He was charged following an incident November 22 when he backed out from a curb on Second Avenue West near Sixth Street.

Driver given fine after accident

Driving without a licence cost George James Jackson of Prince Rupert $10 today when he appeared in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

Jackson pleaded guilty to the charge which was laid following an accident about 1:20 a.m. Saturday when the car which he was driving rolled over on Ninth Avenue West injuring a passenger.

WEATHER

Light rain Wednesday with little change of temperature and light winds. Low tonight and high tomorrow 35 and 40.

Daily News Readings:
Temperature at noon 40
Barometer ..... falling 29.93

TIDES

Wed., December 13, 1961
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	05:26	10.7 feet
	17:20	10.8 feet
Low	11:24	6.4 feet
	23:55	4.8 feet