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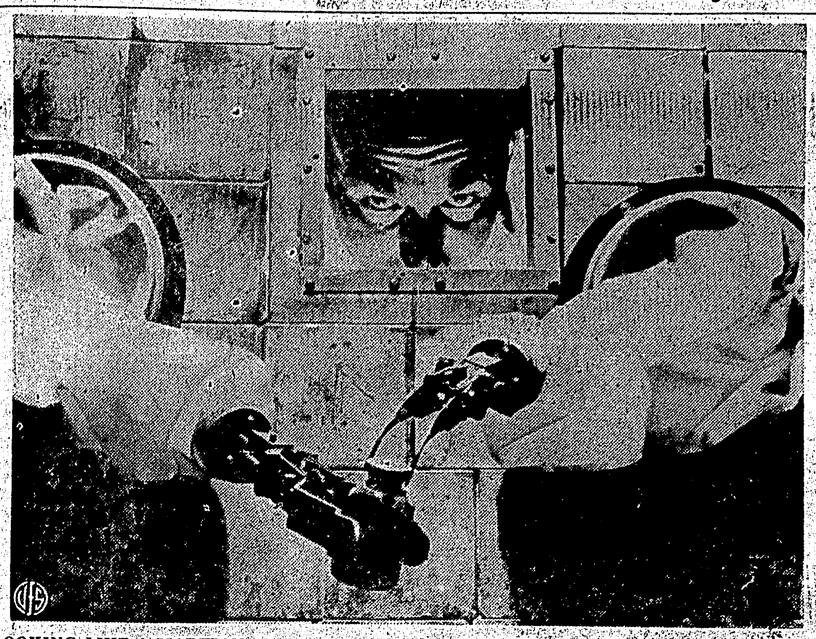

LOOKING LIKE A MARTIAN out of a horror movie, this laboratory technician is handling radioactive isotopes. He is behind a lead brick wall and lead window at the Amersham Radiochemical Centre, England. The establishment specializes in the sale of and production of artificial and radioactive materials.

1961 salmon season proving one of best for many years

Record landings strain canneries

General jubilation exists along the Prince Rupert waterfront and in Port Edwards as salmon returns promise the best season the northern district had had in many a year, according to cannery heads, fisheries experts, packing companies and fishermen.

At Oceanside officials said that they are working almost a double shift to handle the catch and it is "away ahead of last year and one of the biggest years in many."

Their 100 gillnetters and 30 seiners are bringing in between 1,000-1,500 fish and 100-300 fish per day respectively. Workers are going through from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. processing the catch.

At Nelson Bros. in Port Edward the same jubilation was apparent.

They stated that in one week their boats had landed catches totalling three-quarters of the entire catch of the previous season. They said that as much as 4,000 fish per boat were coming in. The cannery has been working at maximum capacity for the past week to handle the hauls as they come in. Nelson Bros. have 150 gillnetters and 25 seiners out.

At B.C. Packers an official stated that it was an "excellent" season and they also were working at full capacity.

Speaking for the fisheries department R. C. Edwards, district supervisor of fisheries, supported the story from the canneries and packers.

Although more reserved, he reported good returns of sockeye from the Naas, Skeena, Granville-Principe, Butedale and Bella Coola areas and an excellent run of sockeye in Smith's Inlet amounting to 900,000 fish to date.

The full extent of the catch and its comparison with previous years will not be known until next month, he said.

"Less than 2,000,000 have been landed so far this year and in past years we have bettered this figure. But undoubtedly this is one of the good years for the industry. There could be a drop back and we may close portions of the Queen Charlottes," he went on.

"This has been the first year we have had a chance to really assess our conservation action results towards stepping up weak runs of sockeye and pinks. We are very pleased with the results. We are now awaiting the chums to see what results there are with them," he continued.

An interesting sidelight of the excellent salmon run is that some halibut boats have changed from that fish to go after salmon. Packers are also being taken off to help the fisheries handle the load.

Mr. Edwards said that Rivers Inlet will be closed next week and this will bring more packers into the salmon field.

Prices last week, according to the fisheries department report, have been: 62 cents for large red spring; 48 cents for medium reds; 37-38 cents for small reds; large white springs, 40 cents; medium white springs, 30 cents per pound; these prices are for troll-caught fish.

Gillnet landings totalled 14,000 pounds of red spring and 6,000 pounds of white spring last week for which the prices were: dressed: large red spring, 46-50 cents; large white spring, 30 cents; and medium white spring, 25 cents per pound. Sockeye landings totalled 320,000 pounds and pinks 337,000 pounds.

British Columbia and United States fishermen, strung widely across the Strait of Juan de Fuca, hauled in nearly 1,000,000 salmon in the first days of this week.

The catch means $750,000 in the fishermen's pockets—$1,500,000 as a finished product.

The bonanza run of sockeye, bound for the Quesnel River, 300 miles north of here, where they will spawn and die, assures that this year's catch will equal, and likely exceed, the 4,000,000-fish forecast of the International Salmon Fisheries Commission.

FORMER PRESIDENT Herbert Hoover, proudly stands beside a 42-pound sailfish caught by his grandson Andrew, 13, off Florida recently. The ex-president is quite a fisherman himself. Mr. Hoover has long been known as one of the keenest fishermen in most aspects of the sport.

Labor enters political arena

OTTAWA (CP) — Organized labor next week moves directly into Canada's political arena with the New Party.

It will be an historic step—the culmination of many decades of labor interest in the country's political life.

For the first time, it will put organized labor — its money, manpower and ideas — squarely behind a political party striving to win electoral support and form the federal government.

The Canadian Labor Congress, 1,150,000 - member central body of organized labor, spearheaded the move to found the New Party. Three years ago, the CLC convention at Winnipeg called for a political re-alignment embracing the CCF, labor, farmers, professional groups and "liberally-minded" people.

That initial step will reach its climax Monday when some 700 trade unionists join 1,100 other delegates here for the week-long rally that will produce a party leader and a party platform.

WILL REDUCE ROLE

Once the New Party is formed, the central labor congress will step back from its key role with the CCF and New Party clubs in guiding the party to its formal birth.

The congress itself will not be affiliated with the New Party. Top congress officers have emphasized that the CLC should be free to praise or criticize the New Party.

The link between labor and the New Party lies with individual unions and their locals. So far, there has been no official report on how many union members have voted to affiliate with the New Party through their union.

Labor's role in Canadian politics goes back at least as far as 1874 when Daniel O'Donoghue, a printer, was elected to the Ontario legislature. In 1900, Arthur Puttee was elected the first labor member of the House of Commons.

ENDORSED CCF

In modern times, labor developed two routes of access to the political arena — via annual representations to the government in power and by working through the CCF itself.

Americans warned war possibility strong while negotiations proceed

WASHINGTON (CP)—In an atmosphere of anxiety mixed with determination, Americans are being told to gird for a possible war while their leaders still hold out the possibility of peaceful negotiation of the Berlin crisis.

As State Secretary Dean Rusk maintained the United States expects at some point to enter into negotiations with the Soviet on the critical issue, Army Secretary Elvis Stahr observed:

"In a very real sense we are living in wartime."

Congress generally echoed the Stahr view, hailing President Kennedy's demand for stronger forces to meet the possibility of a Berlin showdown and rushing legislative work on his new defence budget. Rusk still held out a cautious hope for peace.

Stating the range of possibilities on the Berlin issue "is rather considerable," Rusk told a press conference Thursday. The United States won't necessarily wait for Russia to take the initiative in calling for negotiations.

WILL SEEK SOLUTION

He declined to elaborate until consultations with NATO allies are completed, but said:

"We expect that negotiations will in fact at some stage take place and that we and our allies will try on our side to find opportunities for a peaceful adjustment of a situation which could be very dangerous."

Details of American proposals would be kept secret until they are discussed with allies and perhaps with Soviet officials "in the weeks and months ahead." Rusk will confer with the foreign ministers of France, Britain and West Germany at Paris August 5.

The administration is reported to be holding in reserve a wide range of military and diplomatic actions which may be taken as the Berlin crisis develops.

TWO MOVES POSSIBLE

Possible moves on the military side include sending reinforcements to NATO defences in Europe and speeding up the mobilization of U.S. strength if circumstances seem to require.

On the diplomatic side, concern in the state department and White House now is centred on the development of specific proposals which the Western powers can make to Russia for a way out of the crisis.

Rusk refused to give any indication of what form these proposals might take. But in reply to a series of questions he would not rule out any possibility. The questions raised such matters as removing "irritants" to the Soviet Union in the operations of the Western powers in West Berlin.

Rusk declined to specify even what "irritants" the West might be willing to negotiate with the Soviet Union.

Africa, Asia aid Tunisia

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A bloc of 36 Asian and African nations pressed the UN Security Council today to back Tunisia's demand that France pull all her troops out of Tunisia and give up her huge naval and air base at Bizerte.

Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold is expected to open the emergency council session with a report on his disappointing peace mission to Tunisia. UN sources said he will criticize the French, who refused to confer with him.

Yugoslavia joined 36 of the 46 Afro-Asian nations in the UN in a letter to council President Leopoldo Benites of Ecuador demanding that France, as a first step, obey the council's call to withdraw her troops to the positions they held before last week's fighting.

The council was urged further to acknowledge Tunisia's right "not to tolerate the presence of foreign forces or foreign bases" and to call for quick negotiations based on Tunisia's "right to demand evacuation of foreign forces . . . with the least possible delay."

Phylis Bowman to handle women's page

Appointment of Phylis Bowman, 40, as women's page reporter was announced today by managing editor J. R. Ayres. The appointment is effective July 31.

Mrs. Bowman succeeds Leslie Drew, social editor who joined the staff of The Daily News a month ago and is resigning for personal reasons.

Born in Prince Rupert, Mrs. Bowman started on the The Daily News June 1, 1960 as switchboard operator, worked in the classified advertising department and in March transferred to the editorial department as proofreader and librarian. She is a student of the Newspaper Institute of America.

Sommers works as piano tuner

VICTORIA (CP)—Former British Columbia Forests Minister Robert Sommers, paroled after serving 2½ years in prison on bribery and conspiracy charges, Thursday went to work as a piano tuner.

Sommers said he had learned the trade while imprisoned at the nearby William Head minimum-security jail and after his release July 14 ran a classified advertisement in newspapers. He tuned his first piano Thursday.

Before Sommers was elected in 1953 he taught school at Trail and was known in the community as a skilled violin player. It was also reported he led a string quartet in prison.

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Two fires reported burning out of control

Two fires are burning out of control in the Prince Rupert Fire District according to latest reports reaching the forestry service this morning; and some 125 men are employed fighting them.

A total of eleven new fires have been reported in the past 24 hour period bringing the total now to 28 in the district.

The previously reported (IS) fire is still out of control in the southbank area. Half the guard has been built and 35 men are now battling the fire.

Another fire at Copper River in the Columbia Cellulose Company's tree farm licence is also out of control and a further 25 men are struggling to put it out.

Other fires have been reported at Kitwanga, three more in the Bella Coola area, five around Terrace, one at Smithers and one at Ocean Falls. Crews are en route to these fires.

A helicopter is working the Bella Coola area and three conventional aircraft are patrolling both existing fires and patrolling for further outbreaks.

Lightning storms are expected in the Smithers area this afternoon, W. W. Smith of the forest service said, and an aircraft will be on patrol this afternoon.

The fire hazard will continue to increase with the dry weather, he said, and he reiterated the need for extreme caution by all persons travelling through the bush country, highways or side roads in handling camp fires, cigarettes or lighted matches.

Bear sighted on Pipeline

A bear is believed responsible for breaking into a tent on the Pipeline trail between Wantage Road and Ninth Avenue West on Friday.

Larry Bowman of 410 Sixth Avenue West reported he was walking by the tent when he heard noises.

Closer inspection revealed a large black bear rummaging through food on a table. During the process brother bruin knocked a few dishes off and they broke on the floor.

Larry said that he was watching the bear but it apparently didn't see him. Moments later the bear stood up on his hind legs, sniffed the air and "gracefully" ran into the bush.

Larry estimated that the bear was about six feet tall when standing up.

It is not known who owned the tent.

Halibut sold on exchange

The U.S. vessel Masonic sold 65,000 pounds of halibut on the exchange Friday including 56,000 pounds of medium at 22.3 cents a pound, 8,000 pounds of large at 24.3 cents a pound and 1,000 pounds of chix at 14 cents a pound, sold to B.C. Packers.

Selling on the exchange Friday was Kaare II, 60,000: 40,000 med. (23.1), 19,000 large (25.2), 1,000 chix (15), Pacific.

Advance II landed 42,000 pounds Thursday at the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association's plant at Fairview.

Power export will lose jobs

VANCOUVER (CP)—The export of British Columbia power to the United States would mean the export of jobs, the B.C. Federation of Labor said Thursday.

It would lead to the industrial growth of the American Northwest and harm the economy of B.C., the federation said in a letter to Premier Bennett.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Vancouver forest threat eases with cool weather

VANCOUVER (CP)—The mercury dropped and the humidity climbed easing the fire hazard in the Vancouver Forest District Thursday.

The unexpected flow of moist Pacific air prompted forest service officials to scrap earlier plans for partial forest closures in critical areas of the district stretching from Vancouver Island inland to the Cascade Mountains.

District protection officer Don Owen said it was unlikely closures would be enforced until after the weekend.

Crown land sold

VICTORIA (CP) — Mines Minister Kiernan said Thursday leases on 29 parcels of crown land were sold for a total of $2,125,000 by the provincial government in an auction of petroleum and natural gas rights in the Peace River country.

Department searches

VICTORIA (CP) — The trade department is quietly assembling a mass of evidence on oil and gas prices across B.C. It is part of a full study of development, transportation, processing and sale of oil and gas promised by the provincial government at the last session of the legislature.

Williston says 'suicide'

VICTORIA (CP) — It would be "suicidal" to sell the cheapest Columbia River power to the United States at a price lower than it would be available in B.C., Lands and Forests Minister Williston said today.

Bennett silent

KELOWNA (CP) — Premier Bennett of British Columbia today declined to comment on Federal Justice Minister Fulton's remark that there is no further room for provincial jockeying on the Columbia River power project.

Pair flee fire

QUEEN CHARLOTTE CITY (CP) Two crewmen rowed to safety while fire gutted a department of fisheries vessel here. Patrolman Claud Duval and engineer Fred Jenkins escaped to the shore in a skiff after fire broke out causing $10,000 damage on the Haida Queen.

Profit up

VANCOUVER (CP) — MacMillan, Bloedel and Powell River had net profit in the three months ended June 30 of $6,571,313 or 31 cents a share compared with $6,778,193 and 33 cents in the corresponding period last year.

Grave crisis—Harkness

VANCOUVER (CP) — Defence Minister Harkness said Thursday the Western powers must do "everything conceivable" to strengthen their muscles in the face of the gravest world crisis since 1945. But at the same time he said the West "must always maintain calm judgment so that no avenue that might contribute to peace will be overlooked."

An unknown vehicle struck a chain at the entrance to Bob Parker Ltd.'s used car lot at the intersection of Second Avenue and McBride Street some time late Thursday or early Friday.

Prince Rupert has now gone 9,222 days without a fatal traffic accident.

New Canadian pleads guilty to breaking Excise Act

A fine of $100, $2.50 costs or three months was given to Lazlo Szabo of 541 Ninth Avenue West Friday when he appeared in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite on a charge laid under the Excise Act.

Szabo was charged with: "unlawfully having in his possession a quantity of wash suitable for the manufacture of spirits, namely 45 gallons, without having given notice thereof as required by the Excise Act, contrary to provisions of Sec. 158-1 (e) of the Excise Act.

He pleaded not guilty to the charge which was laid May 3 after investigation by RCMP.

Szabo was convicted after trial Friday.

Through an interpreter, Frank Racy of 1340 First Overlook, Szabo said that he used to make liquor in his home country of Hungary before the revolution and felt that laws in all countries were the same.

He stated that he didn't "mean to break the law", and that he "feels very sorry that it happened and very guilty but didn't know the law and didn't know how to find out the law."

Magistrate Applewhaite said that he found it hard to accept the plea of complete ignorance of the law.

The $100 fine is the minimum that can be imposed under the act. Maximum fine is $2,000.

J. T. Harvey, QC, acted as Crown prosecutor.

Wash is defined as: "a fermented wort from which spirit is distilled."

Wort is defined as: "a dilute solution of sugar, which by fermenting produces alcohol and carbon dioxide."

Speed charge waived to city

A charge of speeding landed Peter Gibb of 423 Third Avenue West in police court Friday before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

Gibb pleaded guilty to the charge which was waived from 100-Mile House and was fined $15, $4 costs or seven days in default of payment.

Mining project for development

Special to The Daily News

TERRACE — The directors of Doreen Mineral Development Ltd., met Tuesday night to hear the report of the president and managing director covering the work just completed on the company's properties at the 2,100 foot level above Woodcock, B.C.

Bruce Webb explained that the property had now been developed to the point where invitations had been extended to various mining concerns to inspect this important molybdenum find.

The directors also discussed the second phase of the company's plans to commence the development of the Doreen properties.

Doreen Mineral Developments Ltd. is a private company formed by a group of local investors in the Skeena Valley. The registered office of the company is Box 1209, Terrace, B.C.

WEATHER

Cloudy with a few afternoon showers and not much change in temperature. Winds light. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 53 and 65.

TIDES

Saturday, July 29, 1961 (Pacific Standard Time)

High	02:00	23.4 feet
	14:40	21.6 feet
Low	08:30	-0.1 feet
	20:45	4.2 feet