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Government take-over urged of forest concern

Two bodies found in wrecked plane

The body of one man was found to be missing from a crashed Piper Cruiser light aircraft when scuba diver Gunter Diehl searched the shattered fuselage in the Skeena River last night.

Missing is the body of Joseph S. Gallant, 30, of 136 Fifth Avenue East, one of three men who left Prince Rupert in the plane Saturday afternoon and failed to return.

The bodies of two others were recovered yesterday. They were Ralph H. Matthews, 65, of 1916 Fifth Avenue East, and J. D. Schuman, 40, of 215 Seventh Street. Mr. Schuman's body was recovered Wednesday about midday while that of Mr. Matthews was brought ashore last night.

Mr. Matthews funeral will be held Saturday in Terrace. The time will be announced tomorrow.

S/Sgt. J. E. Ruttan, who was in charge of the RCMP party which went out to recover the bodies, said last night the aircraft was a total wreck with only a small portion of the tailplane left intact. The floats were reported to have been sheered off.

Heavy currents and a large tide rise and fall in the vicinity hampered Diver Gunter Diehl in his salvage work. The wreck was found by Douglas Chappell of Terrace at the mouth of the Khyex River, about 30 miles east of Prince Rupert late Tuesday evening. Mr. Chappell was one of the local pilots assisting Vancouver ASR aircraft. He flies for Trans-Provincial Air Carriers Ltd., of Terrace.

RCMP are continuing the search for the body of Mr. Gallant today and aircraft flying the river, and boats, have been alerted to be on the lookout.

IWA convention wants expropriation

VANCOUVER (CP)—Breakup of the giant MacMillan, Bloedel and Powell River lumber-pulp empire, with government expropriation if necessary is urged in a resolution to be put before the western convention of the International Woodworkers of America.

The resolution, sponsored by the Vancouver local of the union, declared this policy should be make a plank in the political platform of the New Democratic Party.

The resolution declared that in the last decade British Columbians have watched the tremendous growth of the MacMillan, Bloedel and Powell River Company, a growth which now engulfs "almost half of the forest products produced in the province."

"This organization has become so big and powerful and has such a strangle-hold on industry through its control of forest management licences, re-manufacturing processes, shipping, etc., that they can manipulate the market thereby giving them a virtual strangle-hold on B.C. industry and becoming a monopolized menace to the province of British Columbia," the resolution said.

The 31,000 - member union's three-day Western Canada convention began Wednesday and winds up Friday.

A resolution submitted by the regional council of officers setting up the machinery for a British Columbia - wide campaign in support of unemployment - reducing measures was approved Wednesday. The suggested measures include a shorter work week.

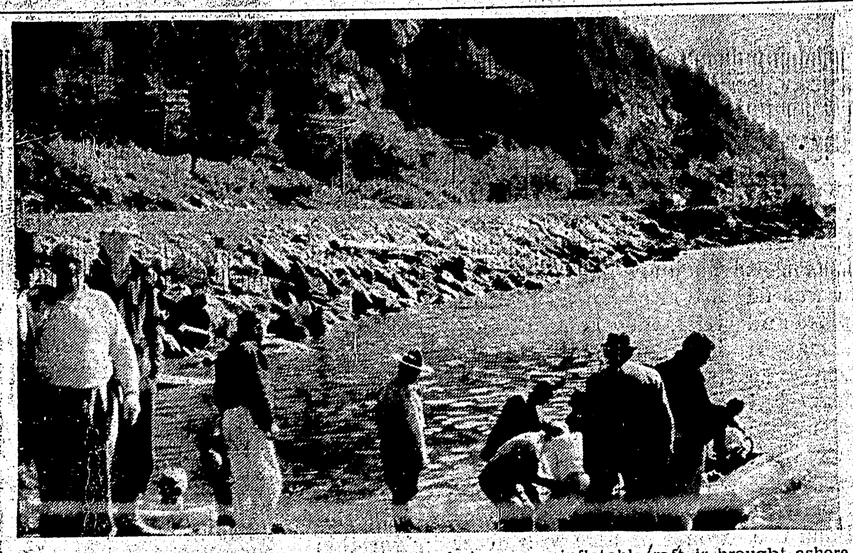
FEAR FOREST LOST

A B.C. royal commission to investigate the "alarming depletion" of the province's forest wealth through fire, pests and unplanned cutting was urged by Joe Morris of Vancouver, president of the union's western region. A resolution seeking establishment of a royal commission was approved.

"On all sides, experienced loggers ask why greater attention was not given to fire prevention instead of relying on hurried methods which failed to control the situation when numerous and large-scale fires were actually raging."

A. F. Hartung, of Portland, Ore., president of the International IWA, criticized Premier Joseph Smallwood of Newfoundland for saying recently that most Newfoundland residents believe the IWA was responsible for some of the forest fires in that province.

"He has stooped as low as any official could possibly stoop," Mr Hartung said. "It is absurd that loggers would set fire to the woods from which they get their livelihood. . . ."



RESCUE PARTY under S/Sgt. J. E. Ruttan stands by as an inflatable raft is brought ashore at the site where a light aircraft crashed killing three men sometime over the Labor Day weekend. Two bodies have so far been recovered and the Skeena River search is being continued in the hope of finding a third. — Staff photo by Gary Oakes

Violence breaks out in Berlin

BERLIN (AP) — East German police hurled fire crackers, tear gas and jets of water at hundreds of demonstrating West Berliners Wednesday night.

The East German police shot a tear gas grenade at a crowd of about 80 massed before the barrier wall on the border in Neukoelln, a borough in the American sector. It struck a newsstand, smashing a neon advertising sign.

This angered the crowd, which swelled to 200 including some drunks. The East German police rolled up a water cannon and sprayed the demonstrators.

West Berlin police pushed the crowd back from the border and took three demonstrators into custody temporarily.

In the tough industrial borough of Wedding, in the French sector, a crowd of about 500 assembled, whistling and booing at the East German Communist guards.

The East German police hurled five tear gas grenades and a number of firecrackers into the crowd. West police scattered the crowd.

TOSS OVER WEAPON

In a third incident, on the Neukoelln border, the Communists threw over a combined tear gas grenade and fire cracker and ran out a fire hose in an attempt to drench several dozen people gathered at the border. Again the West police intervened.

U.S. Army reorganizes as threat of Berlin explosion becomes acute

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Army appeared today to be wheeling four National Guard infantry and armored divisions into position to free regular army divisions for movement overseas, if the Berlin crisis becomes acute.

The four guard divisions—the 26th Infantry of Massachusetts, the 28th Infantry of Pennsylvania, the 32nd Infantry of Wisconsin and the 49th Armored of Texas—were put on notice Wednesday that they face possible calls to federal duty. Such a call could come in a matter of weeks.

Along with 475 lesser guard and reserve units in 46 states and the District of Columbia, these divisions were given a top priority label by the army.

Each state has its own militia or National Guard with a nucleus of former army personnel. There also are in each state reserve units of the army, air force and navy.

"They will begin an intensified training program immediately in order to increase their combat readiness," the army said.

BUILD UP STRENGTH

The divisions and the individual units, combat and support types, will be reinforced to bring them to near full strength. Total strength of these formations now stands at about 96,000. Some 52,000 reservists will be assigned or attached to them to bolster their ranks.

Orders to put these measures into effect went out Wednesday and army officials estimated the four divisions, rated among the finest in the guard, could be brought close to full strength in about 15 days.

If a decision is made to reinforce the troops facing the Russians in the critical weeks ahead, the Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Texas guard divisions would replace regular divisions in the strategic reserve within the continental United States.

Army cadets parade Sept. 13

Army cadet training will commence September 13, Lt. K. B. Harris announced today. Boys who will be 14 years of age by July 1 are now admissable to the corps, he said. Parade time is set for 7:30 p.m. and new recruits will be welcomed to the winter training programme.

Couple fined after fight

Fighting landed a city couple in police court Thursday before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

Raymond Duncan and his wife Christine, both of 229 First Avenue East, pleaded guilty to the charges of causing a disturbance.

Duncan was fined $15 while his wife received a $10 fine.

Both were charged following an incident about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in a city hotel where they were found to be fighting.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Interior village still short of water supply, may drill

VANDERHOOF (CP) — Residents of this village, 60 miles west of Prince George, are faced with a water shortage for a few more days.

An artesian well cave-in a week ago left the community with only a third of its normal water supply.

Efforts to clear the 600 - foot deep well have not been successful. Only a trickle of water was able to seep through the silt and sand.

Another well is being considered. Water now is being brought from private wells to the village pumphouse reservoir. Drilling a new well will take about a week.

Fulton dam debated

VICTORIA (CP)—The B.C. Power Commission has not yet made a final decision whether to build a $10,000,000 dam on the Fulton River to serve the Bulkley Valley area in north - eastern B.C., officials said Wednesday. The provincial cabinet has approved a decision by the commission to seek a water licence for a dam on the river, about 145 miles west of Prince George.

Nominations close

VANCOUVER (CP) — Four persons had been nominated to succeed the late Dr. A. E. (Dal) Grauer as chancellor of the University of B.C. when nominations closed at midnight Tuesday. They are Mrs. Frank Ross, wife of B.C.'s last lieutenant-governor; Mrs. H. F. Angus, wife of the chairman of the Public Utilities Commission; Dr. Hugh L. Keenleyside, chairman of the B.C. Power Commission and Dr. Leon Koerner, chairman of Rayonier Canada Ltd. and well-known university benefactor.

Ham relays call

VICTORIA (CP) — A network of ham radio operators relayed a distress message over 500 miles Wednesday night to bring medical aid to nine persons injured in a car wreck in the Cariboo district of B.C. First report of the accident, mid-way between Prince George and Quesnel, was made to Victoria RCMP by a local ham operator. The Victoria detachment relayed the call to Quesnel, the RCMP detachment nearest the wreck.

Demonstration

PENTICTON (CP) — The majority of city council members here will attend a Vernon civil defence demonstration September 30. The demonstration is being held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Union of British Columbia municipalities.

Records stolen

A boat shed at New Floats was broken into sometime between August 31 and September 5.

About 200 records and numerous other articles were taken. Total value of the loss was estimated at about $60.

The shed is owned by Oscar Ness who was out fishing at the time of the theft.

Bear seen

A black bear was spotted in Hays Creek near the bridge on Sixth Avenue East about 9:05 p.m. Wednesday.

Two city youths sighted the bear from the 100 block Hays Cove Circle.

English course proposed for city by school board

A new correspondence English composition has been proposed by the school board of School District 52 for adults in Prince Rupert.

Called English 300 — English Composition, it will comprise a study in the principles and practise of good writing, concentrating on grammar, rhetoric and usage.

Students will be required to read selected text books and write 10 essays of between 500 and 700 words; and to complete five set exercises.

The course is in collaboration with the Department of Education, the University of British Columbia and the school board.

Full details of the text books required can be obtained from the school board. Permission to commence this course is being awaited and starting dates, if any, will be announced.

Alcan plant starts work

KITIMAT (CP)—The first shift of employees of the Aluminum Company of Canada went back on the job Wednesday, signalling preparations to restart the giant aluminum plant after a shutdown since the end of June.

Work on the Kemano power tunnel where rockfalls forced closure of the plant it supplies with electricity, is proceeding on schedule. Although no date has been given for the "on power" signal, it is expected that four-and-half potlines will be in operation within a month.

The workers reporting today got busy on work preparing the smelting pots for operation.

More preparation crews will report for duty today and Friday.

Canadian force for increase

OTTAWA (CP) — Armed forces manpower will be increased by between 10,000 and 15,000 personnel, it was reliably reported Wednesday.

The army will get the major share of the increase but there will be smaller increases for both the navy and RCAF.

The current manpower ceiling is 120,000 — 51,000 for the RCAF, 49,000 for the army and 20,000 for the navy. It has not been changed since the Korean War.

A manpower increase is expected to be one of several government announcements in the field of defence policy when the Commons reconvenes this afternoon after a summer recess.

Employment improves

Continuation of the improved employment situation in the Pacific rgion is indicated in the latest figures released today by Horace Keetch, regional director, Unemployment Insurance Commission, Vancouver.

Between June and July, total number of persons in jobs increased by 23,000 to 567,000. This is also an increase of 16,000 over the total shown during the same period a year ago.

The non-agriculture industries accounted for the largest increase, with a total in July of 534,000 employed persons. This was 19,000 more than during the previous month, and 22,000 over the corresponding period of the previous year.

The early maturity of crops resulted in an increase of 4,000 to 33,000 workers in the agriculture industry. However, this was a drop of 6,000 from the total in July, 1960.

Employment increases during June and July were also noted in metal mining, oil producing, and in construction, especially on roads and pipelines.

The latest figures show also that during the same period there was a drop of 4,000 in the number of unemployed persons. The total of 40,000 in July represents 6.6 per cent of the labor force as compared with 7.1 per cent a year ago.

The number of persons in the labor force in the province continues to increase. July was 607,000, approximately 10,000 more than during the same month of the previous year.

"From an employment point of view, July of this year had more persons employed than during any other corresponding montly recorded," Mr. Keetch stated.

PNR future decision to be settled as company discusses compensation

VANCOUVER (CP) — Fate of the Pacific Northern Railway, a proposed 700-mile line to run from just north of Prince George, in central British Columbia, to the B.C.-Yukon boundary, will be decided here this week in a series of meetings of the directors of the Peace River Power Development Company.

The first meeting was held Wednesday and the prime question was whether the company could negotiate with the provincial government for better compensation in the expropriation of the Peace River hydro project.

The government has indicated it will pay between $8,000,000 and $10,600,000 to the company, organized by Swedish industrialist Axel Wenner-Gren.

Bernard Gore, deputy chairman of PRPD, was scheduled to meet with Commercial Transport Minister Earle Westwood to discuss the PNR as it may have been affected by the Peace River expropriation.

It is believed that the fate of the PNR rests upon the ability of the company and government to reach mutual agreement on a satisfactory Peace River expropriation settlement.

Mr. Gore said Wednesday night he could not speculate about the future of the PNR.

"One can not tell in advance what its board of directors verdict will be."

He said PNR shareholders have spent about $1,500,000 so far on the project. This would be forfeited if the company abandons its plans.

Fish landings for week show drop below million

Fish landings in Prince Rupert last week fell below the one-million pounds mark, according to the Department of Fisheries.

The weekly report showed that the total catch last week amounted to 716,000 pounds, including: 366,300 pounds of salmon; 4,000 pounds of steelhead; 238,700 pounds of halibut and 107,000 pounds of bottom fish.

Included in the salmon catch were: red spring — 500 pounds by gillnetter and 14,400 pounds by troller; white — 1,500 pounds troll; coho — 117,000 pounds gill and 135,000 pounds troll; sockeye — 4,800 gill; pinks — 71,400 gill and 5,300 troll; and chums — 113,400 gill and 3,000 troll.

The halibut catch was made up of: 25,700 pounds of chix; 180,600 pounds of medium; 72,000 pounds of large; and 10,400 pounds of No. 2.

Bottom fish landings included: 31,700 pounds of sole; 10,000 pounds of grey cod; 1,800 pounds of ling cod; 50,000 pounds of mink feed; 4,000 pounds of black cod; and 20,400 pounds of crab.

Salmon was taken by 55 trollers, 42 gillnetters and 10 seiners from Areas 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 while halibut was caught by nine large vessels.

Crab was landed by five boats from Hecate Straits while remainder of the bottom fish was taken by two trawlers in Area 4.

Pleads not guilty

Donald Ware of the city pleaded not guilty to a charge of common assault Thursday in police court and was remanded until September 13 for trial.

Ware was charged with assaulting Drummond Peter Holbrook of the city about 1:55 a.m. Wednesday in a local cafe.

JUST TOURISTS — The smile beneath the bearskin belongs to Lt.-Col. A. D. Egan, commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, Canadian Guards, as he chats with officers of the touring Red Army chorus following the Dismounting The Guard ceremony on Parliament Hill. Right is Col. Boris Alexandroff, chorus conductor and left is Col. Serge Tulin. — CP Wirephoto

Fraser "run" said desperate

VANCOUVER (CP)—The state of the Fraser River pink salmon run this year was described Wednesday night as "desperate," by W. R. Hourston, Pacific area director of fisheries.

Only two days of fishing were permitted this week in the Strait of Juan de Fuca and, in what normally is the peak season, seiners reported only 30 to 40 fish.

Pink salmon fishing in the Fraser and approaches has been closed in an effort by officials to save the depleted run.

Mr. Hourston said the fisheries department also was concerned about the poor chum salmon run in northern rivers, where catches have been averaging between 30 and 60 per cent of the normal cycle year.

Perrault calls for restrictions

PRINCE GEORGE (CP)—Liberal leader Ray Perrault of British Columbia said Wednesday lowering of United States import restrictions against Canadian products which have required a lot of power in manufacture would be a step toward solving the power export problem.

He told a party meeting here this would be "a tremendous incentive to exactly those industries which could be expected to interest themselves in on-site development in such areas as Prince George."

Prince Rupert has now gone 960 days without a fatal traffic accident and 140 days without a fire fatality.

Traffic "director" lands in court

Directing traffic on Third Avenue and Fulton Street landed a city man in police court Thursday.

Walter Hansen pleaded guilty to a charge of causing a disturbance before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite and was fined $10 and $3.50 costs or five days.

He was charged after he was observed directing traffic on the street and swearing and shouting at pedestrians about 7 p.m. Wednesday.

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy with intermittent rain. Not much change in temperature. Winds light to southerly 25 in north. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 50 and 60.

TIDES

Friday, September 8, 1961 (Pacific Standard Time)

High	00:10	10.6 feet
	12:50	10.0 feet
Low	06:36	4.0 feet
	18:46	6.2 feet

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