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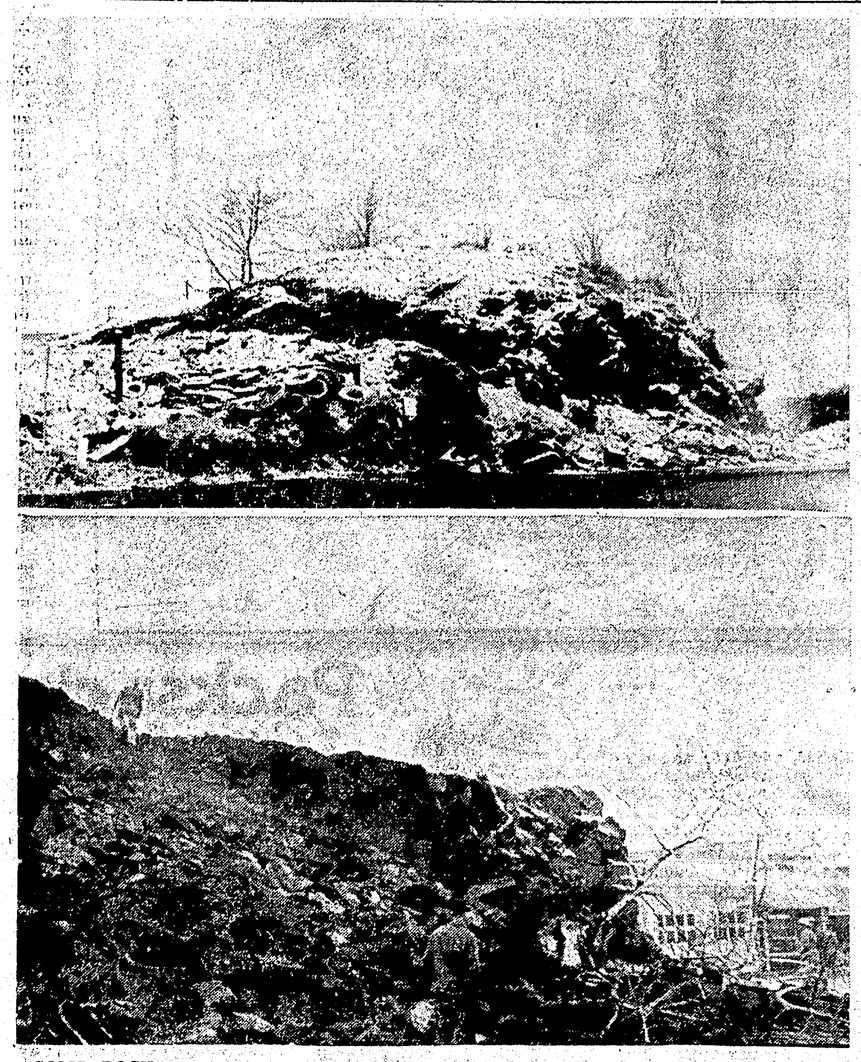

SOLID ROCK — Workmen from Granby Construction and Equipment Ltd. packed rock with several charges of dynamite yesterday in attempt to break it up. Rock is on property at corner of Sixth Street and First Avenue West which is being cleared for proposed extension of Prince Rupert Hotel. (Below) Loose rock and earth was strewn over the road after explosion. Several residents in area were asked to come outside to prevent any accidents. Blast made little noise and didn't break any windows as far as anyone could tell. — Staff photos by Gary Oakes

Move to close pulp mill halted as longshoremen recall pickets

Cellulose, unions defer dispute

An industrial dispute between the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, Local 505, and the Columbia Cellulose Company on Watson Island, was averted this afternoon after members of Local 505 and Local 708 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers met this afternoon.

Major officers of the two unions will attend further meetings with the company tomorrow after they have flown in here from Vancouver.

Picket lines have been called off and company employees are free to move to work freely. The plant, which was in the process of closing down, will resume normal shifts.

Earlier today the mill was in the process of being closed down after members of Local 708 refused to cross picket lines set up by Local 505.

The longshoremen apparently claim that they have the right to load pulp barges at the mill and have been picketing the entrance with signs stating: "CCC unfair to organized longshoremen Local 505."

Local 505 president Ralph Olson said "no comment" when asked why the mill was being picketed. He said his union would not say anything until they found out what course of action Columbia Cellulose would take.

Columbia Cellulose mill manager John Guthrie said that in the past these barges have "always been loaded by members of the International Brotherhood of Pulp Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers Local 708."

Mr. Guthrie said that the picketers were first noticed about 3:45 p.m. yesterday bearing the "unfair" signs.

He said that the regular 4 p.m. to midnight shift workers and the midnight to 8 a.m. men, came to work as usual but today's day shift men did not pass through the picket line.

Mr. Guthrie said that there were about 50 men on the picket line this morning.

Mr. Olsen said that the longshoremen had not prevented anyone from crossing the picket line and would not do so.

A Straits Towing Ltd. barge, docked at Watson Island, was being loaded with pulp until midnight last night.

Mr. Guthrie said that about 70 men from the regular midnight to 8 a.m. shift remained on their jobs after 8 a.m. today and the mill continued to operate.

"Local 505 does not hold certification for work performed at Watson Island.

TALKS ATTEMPTED

"An attempt was made this morning by Columbia Cellulose to meet with the executive of Local 708 in order to make it clear to them that they have an obligation under contract.

"This obligation is to ensure that the terms of the standard labor contract are observed, including the cause which states that there will be no interruption of work during the life of the contract.

"So far, this meeting has not taken place but we're hoping it will in the near future."

LOCAL STATES POSITION

Local 708 vice-president J. H. West said that his union tried to arrange a meeting with the company last night but they "apparently weren't interested." Mr. Guthrie replied: "We didn't have any problems with Local 708 last night because the mill was running smoothly. But we do have problems now. The contract states that Local 708 must operate the mill."

Mr. West said that Local 708 members have not been given any instructions as to whether they should or should not cross the picket line.

"It's up to each individual man," Mr. West said. "Every man stands on his own set of basic trade union principles."

The mill's closure affected about 520 men and their families.

ROBERT STRACHAN
... Opposition leader

NDP leader charged as impaired

NANAIMO (CP) — NDP-CCF Opposition leader Robert Strachan was charged here Wednesday with impaired driving and remanded a week without plea. Strachan, leader of the party in the province, was arrested last weekend and then allowed to go home.

No reporters were in court when Strachan appeared Wednesday.

After three cases were heard Magistrate Lionel Beevor-Potts told reporters the next case was a family affair and of no interest, so they left.

The magistrate today said he had another case after the family hearing but would not say who appeared or on what charge.

Police confirmed that Strachan had been arrested and charged.

VANCOUVER (CP) — Harry McQuillan, Progressive-Conservative member of parliament for Comox - Alberni was charged with impaired driving here Wednesday after a three-car collision.

Mrs. Elsie Watts, 53, was taken to hospital following the accident, suffering a possible fractured skull.

Police said the accident happened when McQuillan's car crashed into the rear of the car driven by Mrs. Watts. Her car then hit a vehicle driven by James K. Sheehan, 20.

Sheehan and McQuillan were uninjured.

The MP was to appear in court later today.

Co-Op finances climb members told at meet

The new manager of the consumer division of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association, A. L. Warren, reported sales of nearly $2,000,000 in the Co-op Centre for 1960, with a deficit operation of $19,000 made up largely of a write-off of previous years occupancy charges of $12,000. Mr. Warren said that through changes in controllable expense items and personnel this deficit had been overcome in 1961 and the Co-op Centre was now operating with a good net margin.

K. F. Harding, general manager, introducing Mr. Warren outlined his background with the Co-operative movement in Saskatchewan. He said Mr. Warren had been employed by Federated Co-operatives of Saskatchewan in both management and consulting capacities which made him an ideal choice for the job of manager of the Prince Rupert Consumer Co-operative operations.

H. T. Scholten, chairman, presented the store committee's report. He said that one of the Co-op. Centre's most critical needs was more parking space and reported that the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Credit Union had purchased the adjoining lots on Third Avenue to the corner of McBride St. Mr. Scholten said the store committee hoped to improve the parking problem in the near future.

E. G. Rothwell, B. K. Hanson, J. Frechelm and Richard Giske were retiring members of the store committee after serving three years. Mr. Hanson and Mr. Giske were reelected while Mrs. Victor Duplisse and Mr. Ray Bentsen were re-elected for the next three years. Mr. Scholten was re-elected chairman for the coming year.

Guest speaker Warrant Officer T. P. Daley impressed on the meeting the need for Prince Rupert citizens to think of Civil Defence. He starkly outlined what could happen in the event of push button warfare and told the meeting of the training program for Civil Defence.

One hundred and seventy members attended the joint annual meeting of the Kaien Consumers' Co-operative Association and the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-op. consumer division, held in the Sons of Norway Hall last night. Also attending were visitors from Alaska and southern B.C.; S. Idem and K. Steadman of the Halibut Producer's Co-op. at Petersburg; Harold Christensen, Marcus Pedersen of Vancouver, and Frederick York of Port Alberni, representing the Pacific Coast Fishermen's Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. and refreshments were served, followed by the film "Of Milk and Men", the story of the Fraser Valley Milk Producer's Association.

Bids too high when tenders opened

Tenders will be recalled for the construction of the Senior Citizens Housing project in Prince Rupert, president of the committee, J. C. Georgeson said this morning "the lack of tenderers and the unrealistic quotations submitted has persuaded the architect, J. Russell Baxter, and myself, to deem it advisable to recall tenders in 1962."

The tenders were opened by architect J. Russell Baxter of Penticton and Vancouver, in the presence of J. C. Georgeson, president of the Prince Rupert Senior Citizens Housing Society, W. H. Brett, representing the Royal Canadian Legion, William H. Murray, MLA, representing the provincial government and J. R. Ayres, representing the Rotary Club.

The two bids were as follows:

Greenall Bros. Ltd., of Vancouver $226,487, with an alternate figure of $224,321 with a different type of windows.

Robinson Construction Ltd., of Nanaimo $217,145 with an alternative figure of $214,413 with a different type of windows.

Fluoridation definite benefit to children, dentist tells club

The average six-year-old child in Brantford, Ont., where the water supply is naturally fluoridated, has only two baby teeth decayed compared with five baby teeth decayed in the average six-year-old in other communities where there is no fluoridation, the Rotary club was told yesterday.

Speaking on preventive dentistry, Dr. George Mostad said that he and his fellow dentists across Canada were continually striving to expand its research program in an effort to uncover causes of decay so that preventive methods can be applied.

He said the average 12-year-old in Brantford, which has a population in excess of 70,000 persons, has only three of his permanent teeth showing any signs of dental decay as compared to eight teeth in the average 12-year-old in communities where there is no fluoridation.

Dr. Mostad said that through the efforts of the Ontario Fluoridation Investigating Committee, under the direction of the Ontario Dental Association, had succeeded in having the Ontario Government enact legislation empowering municipalities to introduce fluoridation of water supplies by bylaw ,without the necessity of holding referendums.

"This has been a major victory for prevention of dental decay," Dr. Mostad said. He added that the action of the Ontario Government "would doubtless have a profound influence on the thinking of other provinces and communities."

He said that dental diseases have a detrimental affect on the health of 90 per cent of the population of Canada and because this affliction among the population was so common it was considered a normal condition.

"It is estimated by the Mayo Clinic that man's life span could be increased by 10 years by the elimination of dental diseases."

He said that loss of permanent teeth among 12-year-olds and older can throw the jaws, teeth, and mouth out of proper relationship, damage supporting tissues of teeth and make dental cripples out of relatively young people.

The Canadian Dental Association has initiated an intense and continuous health education program with particular emphasis on preventive methods. The association also works with the Skeena Health Unit.

He urged Rotarians to encourage all the young people possible to enter dentistry as a profession.

"The present ratio of dentists to population in Canada is one dentist to every 3,000 persons compared to one dentist to every 1,900 persons in the United States.

"A more favorable ratio would be one dentist to every 1,000 persons."

He said that because more than 50 per cent of the Canadian dentists are over 50 years of age; the number of deaths and retirements exceed the number of new graduates and the ratio is becoming worse instead of better.

Dr. Mostad said that he hoped that the appointment of dentist Dr. John MacDonald as president of the University of British Columbia would have some bearing on the early establishment of a faculty of dentistry at UBC.

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City inspector urges owners to obey bylaws

Both owner and contractor can be prosecuted under city bylaws if work is carried out without the necessary building permit, Building Inspector J. C. Ewart said today.

Recently, a home owner hired a contractor to do certain repairs and neither obtained permits for the work. Both, said Mr. Ewart, were liable to prosecution, even though they both assumed the other had the permit.

In many cases work carried out without a permit fails to measure up to the standards required by the city, he went on. By checking the regulations first, time and money is saved by both the homeowner and the contractor.

"I would urge all homeowners contemplating repairs or additions to conform to the building regulations for their own protection," Mr. Ewart concluded.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Bennett lashes Fulton over Columbia speech

VICTORIA (CP)—Premier Bennett said today Justice Minister Fulton's speech at Prince George "shocked all Canadians" and it calls for an apology to the United States.

He said Mr. Fulton "engaged in some form of irresponsible electioneering at the expense of a national project" and "preferred to attack rather than explain."

Mr. Bennett also told a press conference that B.C. is willing to sell power generated at Columbia River projects to a national grid at prices substantially below those it would seek from the U.S.

He said there is no question over the sale of downstream benefit power in the United States. Article 8 of the international treaty specifically contemplated such sale.

Indian chief dies

TOFINO (CP) — More than 200 Indians Wednesday left their fishing boats and reservations near this west coast Vancouver Island village to attend the funeral of Chief Francis Frank and his wife, Rachel. They died Tuesday from botulin poisoning, believed to have been caused by eating a "caviar" of fermented salmon roe which is considered a delicacy among Indians.

Farm income climbs

VICTORIA (CP)— The total farm income in British Columbia this year is expected to be a record $130,000,000, Agriculture Minister Richter said Thursday.

Accident kills one

FORT ST. JOHN (CP) — A woman was killed and her husband injured in a two-car collision about 20 miles northwest of here Wednesday. Dead is Mrs. Ruth Helen Klippel, 50, of Seward, Alaska. Her husband, John Philip Klippel, is in fair condition in hospital.

Birthday committee

KAMLOOPS (CP) — The Kamloops 150th birthday committee is working on several plans for the celebrations next year. Work is underway on a "Calendar of Events" that will list dates of the many conventions and other highlights. The provincial cabinet will be asked to meet in the city.

Penal system 'farce'

VANCOUVER (CP) — The deputy warden of Oakalla Prison farm says the Canadian penal system is a farce and there is some truth to charges of primitive conditions at the suburban Burnaby institution. Duncan Clark Thursday told a University of British Columbia audience he was speaking as an individual and without permission of prison authorities.

Cars collide in parking lot

A two-car collision in the Co-op Centre parking lot shortly after noon Wednesday caused more than $100 damage.

A car driven by Rodney J. Phillipson of the Elizabeth Apartments was in collision with a parked vehicle owned by Thomas Peter Delany of 241 Seventh Avenue West.

PENTICTON (CP)—Senator Warren G. Magnuson, chairman of the United States senate committee on interstate and foreign commerce, says that no formal talks have ever taken place between Premier Bennett and President Kennedy on the Columbia treaty.

Agreement reached

VANCOUVER (CP) — A last-minute agreement between the B.C. Ice and Cold Storage Company and the Meat Cutters Union Vancouver local has averted a strike. The settlement includes a 12-cent an hour increase.

PLANT PICKETS — Members of Local 505 of the Longshoremen's Union picket the entrance to Columbia Cellulose Company plant at Watson Island this morning. Fourth from left is Local 505 President Ralph Olson. The dispute has arisen over the loading of a Straits Towing barge with pulp from the mill. — Staff photo by Gary Oakes

Greenville church worker dies, local service Tuesday

The death occurred yesterday of Mrs. Mary McKay in the Prince Rupert General Hospital. Mrs. McKay was born in Alyansh and lived in Greenville all her life.

She was an active social worker throughout the village and president of Greenville St. Andrew's Church women's auxiliary for a period of 24 years since its inception.

She also gave a great deal of assistance in the building of the church at Greenville.

Mrs. McKay is survived by her husband, Henry, who retired as a missionary of the church last year; and six sons, two daughters and two step-sons. They are: William, chief councillor, Raphael, Betram, former principal of the Greenville Indian day school and now in final year at the College of Education, University of British Columbia, Alvin, the present Indian day school principal, Henry junior, Alvin, first year Arts at UBC; Mrs. Alfred Robinson and Mrs. Milton Clark ;and Mrs. Dennis Morgan of Port Edward, and Reginald Percival of Alyansh; one sister, Mrs. Titus Misnqui of Alyansh; and 35 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held tonight at 7:30 at St. Andrew's Cathedral conducted by Dean G. T. Pattison; and the funeral services will take place at Greenville Tuesday conducted by Father Norman Scovell.

Mrs. McKay is also survived by a brother, the Rev. Paul Mercer of the Alyansh Anglican Church.

Prince Rupert has now gone 1,045 days without a fatal traffic accident and 2 4 5 days without a fire fatality.

WEATHER

Intermittent snow Saturday morning clearing in the afternoon. A little colder. Winds Northeast 20 to 40 in mainland inlets. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 25 and 35.

TIDES

Sat., December 2, 1961
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	09:21	15.8 feet
	21:44	16.6 feet
Low	02:51	8.4 feet
	15:50	8.5 feet