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Section 2 development attracts mass protests

Highway 16 "deplorable" says Youngs

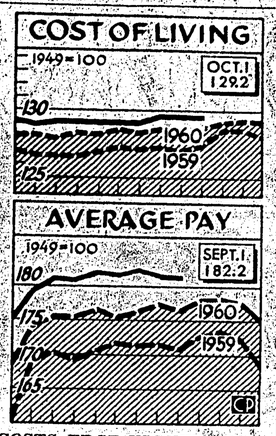
An approach will be made to the provincial government urging improvement of Highway 16 before the commencement of the Alaska marine highway service next year, city council decided Monday night.

The move was proposed by Alderman T. Norton Youngs in a resolution submitted to the regular meeting of the city council.

The resolution said that the highway is in "deplorable condition and completely inadequate for the type and volume of traffic that is expected to use the highway." It went on to point that unfavorable publicity on the highway would counteract advertising put out by the various bureaus.

The resolution went on to advocate a union of communities along Highway 16 to support and prepare similar petitions as no plans were known for improvement by the provincial government and it will take a major construction program to bring the road up to standard.

Copies of the resolution will be sent to the premier, provincial cabinet ministers, and to W. H. Murray MLA, member for Prince Rupert. It also urged that the city council and civic officers continue to press the matter.



COSTS EDGE HIGHER—Canada's cost-of-living index rose to 129.2 on October 1 from 129.1 a month earlier. The rise was due to scattered price increases in food, housing, clothing, doctor and dentist bills. Upper graph traces living costs, based on 1949 prices equalling 100, from the start of 1959 and to date this year. Lower graph shows the index of average industrial wages and salaries which stood at 182.2 September 1 compared with 182.1 a month earlier. This index is based on 1949 wages equalling 100.

(CP Newsmap)

Supplying earns fine of $300

Supplying an interdict with liquor cost a Port Edward man $300 and $3.50 costs or in default, three months in jail yesterday afternoon in police court.

Manzo Seko, 72, pleaded guilty to the charge before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite. Seko pleaded through a Japanese interpreter, Mrs. M. M. Hamano of 147 Fourth Avenue East.

Seko was charged with supplying Evelyn Green of Prince Rupert with liquor Saturday afternoon. The woman was fined $50 and $5.50 costs or 30 days on a charge of being an interdict intoxicated. RCMP seized two part-full bottles of whiskey.

Both fines were the minimum prescribed under the Government Liquor Act.

Rifle care earns fine

Erno Rozsanegyi of 1130 Tenth Avenue East was fined $15 and $4 costs today when he pleaded guilty in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite to a charge of carrying a loaded rifle in a car.

Rozsanegyi was charged following an incident yesterday when he was checked by Conservation Officer Clifford Walker near Tyee. Rozsanegyi had a loaded .30-06-calibre rifle in the back seat of his car.

Car stolen

A car owned by Charles Fatchell of Terrace was stolen about 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

The vehicle is described as being a 1950 model four - door, blue in color.

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Elks assist drive to sell opera tickets

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 342 at an executive meeting last night voted to buy 50 student tickets for "Orpheus in the Underworld," the Canadian Opera Company production being presented in the Prince Rupert Senior High school Thursday, November 23.

The Elk's bid to help the Prince Rupert Opera committee was announced this morning by Elks Exalted Ruler Harley Lewis.

Mr. Lewis said that the Elks planned to give the tickets to Prince Rupert High school band conductor Wilfred Manning and ask him to distribute the tickets to music - loving students and also those who wished to attend the opera to see what it was like.

The Canadian Opera Company's presentation of Offenbach's "Orpheus in the Underworld" will be coming to Prince Rupert as part of a northern tour. The performance here will start at 8 p.m. and there will be a brief intermission.

The production, which features a cast of 23, will have piano accompaniment by Dr. George Brough, one of Canada's outstanding pianists. The two-act satire has been translated into English by Robert Fulford and James Knight.

Apartment block "lowers values"

A massed turnout of residents from Section 2 approached the city council Monday night in protest against the proposed rezoning of the area from Residential Zone A to Zone B apartment zone.

T. M. Carscadden of 2101 Graham Avenue read the formal protest to the council and at the conclusion presented Mayor P. J. Lester with a signed protest from some 60 residents of the area involved. Mr. Carscadden said that all but one of the signators described themselves as owners.

The protest is directed against the proposed construction of a 24-unit apartment block on parcel B, Block 2, waterfront Block C, plan 1617 by Seal Cove Property Ltd., of Prince Rupert, whose spokesman was R. A. McLean, of McLean and Rudderham Agencies Ltd.

In his address Mr. Carscadden said that such rezoning would lower property values of the area; the site is one of the few remaining for class 'A' homes; the apartments would obstruct the view; it would provoke a traffic problem; it is not in the best interests of the city.

He said: . . "there is no guarantee from the promoters that the apartments would not be located so as to be considered obstructions. Once the land is rezoned the only remaining control retained by council is that which is specifically stated in the bylaw."

Next speaker, Mr. McLean, stressed a series of points in favor of the apartment block. He said that there would be no obstruction of view; trees in the area would be preserved in a park setting; consolidation of the building project will pump sewage to existing level on Graham Avenue and permit locating the building on the natural contours of the site; a two-storey house would block more view than the proposed apartment; the area applied for is adjacent to property which has been previously rezoned for apartment building; availability of an apartment block should have a favorable affect on the present housing problem; have engaged a reputable firm of Vancouver architects, Hale, Harrison and Buzzelle; have financial support of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Mr. McLean introduced Mr. Harrison of the architectural firm who showed a sketch of the proposed site and building which would be on three levels between Graham and Atlin Avenues. It showed that views from other houses would not be obscured. He also pointed out that in Kitsilano, Vancouver's West End, Capilano Gardens and Oak Ridge apartment construction had increased property values.

The 24-unit project would also have a 36-unit parking area with a circular drive-in.

In answer to questions from Alderman Darrow Gomez and Alderman Michael Krueger, Mr. McLean returned to explain that the reason a site had not been selected at Seal Cove was that CMHC had said it would support only a lower standard of building at that site. As he did not wish to lower standards it had been necessary to proceed with the Section II site. He also said that it was not possible to build more than 48 units—24 initially and 24 at a later date—on the selected site.

W. D. Stothert pointed out that Mr. Harrison had referred only to already rundown areas when he had said that apartments added to property values. "If this rezoning is allowed," he said, "it will set a precedent which others will follow."

"Renters are not as stable as homeowners," said N. J. Martinusen of 2080 Atlin Avenue.

"We have no guarantee of the standard of maintenance and the principals might forget their promises and we have no guarantee they would not."

He went on to say that the property owners of the area should first approve the plans for the project before council makes any move to rezone. "This does nothing for the long term planning of Prince Rupert," he went on.

Mr. McLean pointed out that the building must be kept up to the highest standard for at least 25 years under the terms of the CMHC mortgage.

Other speakers against the rezoning were G. R. Shenton, T. B. Black and two others.

City Administrator R. W. Long read a letter from D. K. Naumann of Associated Engineering Services Ltd., of Vancouver, the city's consulting engineers, in answer to his query regarding the advisability of rezoning Section 2 under the terms of the recent city housing survey.

Mr. Naumann wrote: "If there is reasonable assurance the proposed apartments are intended to be of the higher value type the change of zoning classification should be granted."

Later in the meeting, on the recommendation of Mayor P. J. Lester, the matter was referred to the zoning committee for further study after the housing survey report had also been studied and the arguments of the protagonists on rezoning had also been considered.

A meeting has been set for 8 p.m. Thursday when the City Council's decision will be announced.

ZONE COMMANDER, Mrs. J. S. Black, Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary, pays her respects to Canada's war dead before the Prince Rupert Cenotaph Saturday. Mrs. Black was one of the many who laid wreaths for their units or organizations.

(Staff photo by John Pain)

KING EDWARD SCHOOL GYMNASIUM was crowded by interested women last night for the showing of the film by the Cancer Society. Nearly 600 women were on hand to watch the half-hour film and to hear the panel discussion of three doctors afterwards. Members of the panel were Dr. Nellie Aversperg of the Cancer Institute, Vancouver, Dr. G. P. Evans, director of the Skeena Health Unit and Dr. R. B. Smith, from the city clinic. The doctors were introduced and thanked by Mrs. William Murdock, president of the Prince Rupert Cancer Society.

(Staff photo by Phylis Bowman)

Council to call for air fare hearing after Air Board says fares 'equitable'

The Air Transport Board has informed city council that it considers air fares between Prince Rupert and Vancouver as being "equitable" and that the "inequity (referred to in the council brief to the board) is directly related to the miles flown."

Alderman Norton Youngs immediately called for a board hearing at which the matter could be more completely argued.

He said the board's letter did not take into account the direct Prince Rupert to Vancouver flight on Sundays and that the fares had not been "levelled" off.

Mayor P. J. Lester mentioned that excursion rates were in force in the east and that a recommendation had been sent to Grant McConachie, head of Canadian Pacific Airlines, the company which operates the only regular service to Vancouver from Prince Rupert, for a reduction in fares.

Alderman Donald Ritchie said: "We're getting economy transport and paying first - class fares."

The Air Board said they had examined the fare structure and "finds that it is consistent with approved methods of fare and rate making to the extent that it reflects a reasonable fare based on the mileage flown via the route operated by the aircraft in service."

"The level of the fare," the board continued in its letter, "is quite favorable when compared to the fares charged by other carriers operating regional services."

The board suggested that the difference in fares between that charged from Terrace to Vancouver under the old structure and including a bus trip between Prince Rupert and Terrace, which was lower overall, and that fare in force between Prince Rupert and Vancouver was due to the lower cost of ground transport.

The board also said that daily flights appear to provide "adequate frequency of flights."

An approach to the board for a hearing will be made by council.

Mr. Macarthur burial Friday

Murdo Macarthur, 60, of 1053 First Avenue West died Monday after a brief illness. A well-known city shoe repairer, he came to Canada from Stornoway, Scotland, in 1921 and to Prince Rupert in 1924.

Mr. Macarthur was predeceased by his wife last month. He is survived by his son, Robert of Penticton; two daughters, Mrs. W. D. Leggett (Donna) of Victoria and Mrs. A.H. Jensen (Margit) of McBride, B.C.

The funeral service will be held Friday at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. I. S. Gamble officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Macarthur was a member of the Prince Rupert Shrine Club.

Boy blindfolded

VANCOUVER (CP) — Police here are investigating the beating of an eight-year-old boy by three older youths Monday. The boy said he was accosted in a playground on his way home from school. He said he was blindfolded and punched.

Two men fined

Causing disturbances in the Grand Cafe Saturday landed two men in police court Monday before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

R. J. Martin of Terrace pleaded guilty to a charge of swearing in the cafe about 6:40 a.m. He was fined $15.

E. J. White of Fairview pleaded guilty to a charge of shouting in the cafe about 12:20 a.m. Saturday. He was fined $10.

VANCOUVER (CP)— Opposition Leader Robert Strachan said Sunday he doubts Peace River Power Development Company spent more than $8,000,000 on a few surveys.

Fish pact to stand

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese fishermen will continue to abstain from catching halibut in the northeastern Pacific until the present fishery agreement among the U.S., Canada and Japan is changed, fishery agency sources said today.

This is because the three countries failed to reach any new agreement concerning halibut fishing at a meeting of the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission here last week.

The existing agreement provides for no Japanese hauling of halibut in northeastern Pacific waters despite Japan's desire to do so.

The United States and Canada, the sources said, jointly asked Japan to restrict dragnet fishing in waters south of Alaska, apparently in fear of possible decrease in the halibut catch.

Japanese representatives at the talks reportedly told their American and Canadian counterparts that halibut found in the dragnets are freed immediately.

B.C. ROUNDUP

B. C. Electric asks for court decision

VANCOUVER (CP)—The B.C. Power Corporation Monday asked the Supreme Court of British Columbia to rule that the provincial government acted beyond its powers in expropriating the B.C. Electric Company last August.

The corporation, parent company of the giant power utility before the takeover, said in a writ that should the court find the expropriation was legal, it should declare that the corporation was entitled to an additional $114,000,000 in compensation.

Under the August 1 Power Development Act, the government paid $110,000,000 for B.C. Power's 3,800,000 B.C. Electric shares.

Salary agreements

VANCOUVER (CP) — Teachers' salary agreements have been reached in 65 of British Columbia's 82 school districts. Kamloops, Fraser Canyon and Portland Canal are the latest to settle. Kamloops teachers will receive a one - per - cent increase compared with half a per cent at Fraser Canyon and 1.4 per cent at Portland Canal.

Borrower jailed

VANCOUVER (CP) — Cyril Jack, 49, an unemployed projectionist, Monday was sentenced to three months for borrowing books from the city library and neglecting to bring them back. Pleading guilty to a false pretences charge, Jack told Magistrate Oscar Orr he borrowed 42 books and sold them at city book stores.

Adjourn hearing

PRINCE GEORGE (CP)—Coroner A. L. Chambers told a preliminary hearing Monday a blunt instrument could have caused injuries on the body of 47-year-old Hazel Cousins. Charles Hamilton Rombough, 48, is on trial on a non-capital murder charge in connection with the woman's death October 21. The hearing was adjourned until Thursday.

600 city women view cancer film

Every available chair and bench at King Edward School was pressed in to use last night when nearly 600 women attended a film showing and panel discussion presented by the Prince Rupert Cancer Society.

The half-hour film entitled "Time and Two Women" impressed the importance of a yearly physical check-up for any sign of cancer. The film showed that a cancer case diagnosed in the early stages was one hundred per cent successful, whereas an advanced case was much harder and practically impossible to cure.

Charts and diagrams were used in the picture and a doctor's commentary in layman's language illustrated clearly the smear tests and results.

Following the film, the audience was invited to send questions anonymously to the three doctors on the stage. They were: Dr. Nellie Aversperg of the Cancer Institute of Vancouver; Dr. G. P. Evans, director of the Skeena Health Unit, and Dr. R. B. Smith, a local practitioner.

This panel carefully and concisely answered 60 questions which were sent in from the floor. All of the doctors emphasized the fact that an early examination of any unusual upset in the health of a woman was cause for an immediate examination by a doctor.

These irregularities did not always mean that a cancer was present but only a complete physical examination could put the patient's mind at rest.

The panel was thanked by Mrs. William Murdock, president of the Prince Rupert Cancer Society. Mrs. Murdock reported that the result of the 1961 cancer campaign in April totalled $3,730.08. She thanked the people of Prince Rupert for their generous support, and said that the large turn-out at the meeting indicated that local women were vitally interested in the cure of cancer.

Mrs. Murdock introduced H. R. King, executive director of the B.C. and Yukon division of the Canada Cancer Society. Mr. King paid special tribute to Dean George Pattison and J. R. Elliott, manager of the Bank of Montreal, for their efforts in making the local cancer drive such a successful one.

The film will be presented in Kitimat tonight and in Terrace tomorrow.

Collision at corner

A two-car collision near the intersection of Conrad Street and Eleventh Avenue East about 7:55 a.m. caused about $250 damage.

A vehicle driven by Richard Gallant of Prince Rupert was in collision with another vehicle driven by Aladino Curti of 1363 Sixth Avenue East.

Herring strike vote held today

VANCOUVER (CP) — Striking herring fishermen will vote today on a "final" offer of $10.40 a ton made by the British Columbia Fisheries Association here Monday.

About 640 members of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union have been on strike for four weeks. They sought a return price of $13 a ton and have offered to settle for $12. Last year's price was $8.80 a ton.

Prince Rupert has now gone 1,028 days without a fatal traffic accident and 2 2,8 days without a fire fatality.

WEATHER

Sunny Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Westerly winds 15. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 35 and 48.

TIDES

Wed., November 15, 1961
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	06:57	18.1 feet
	18:50	18.8 feet
Low	00:18	5.4 feet
	12:51	0.6 feet