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Rampaging creek cuts through road, spills into homes in Burns Lake area

High water closes schools

BURNS LAKE (CP)—Rampaging Sauls Creek fed in the last 24 hours by 3½ inches of rain cut through Highway 16 near here today.

The road was expected to be re-opened after repairs which could last most of the day.

The creek, which runs into Burns Lake, spilled over into the village's main street and in some instances sloshed into homes and stores. Schools here were closed today because of high water. The water receded here early today.

The highway also was cut at Tibbets Creek, 16 miles east, and was reported in danger at Decker Lake, six miles west of Burns Lake.

The rain had stopped in the Burns Lake area today but it was still raining in Prince George and rain was still reported falling along the route of the Harte Highway and a bridge at Mile 170 was reported under water.

City man dies at age of 77

A longshoreman, Gordon St. Claire Bitten of 865 Fraser Street, died in the Prince Rupert General Hospital Monday afternoon at the age of 77.

Mr. Bitton was born in Ontario and served with the Canadian Armed Forces during the Second World War. He came to the city 18 years ago and had been working as a longshoreman for the past 12 years.

It is believed that Mr. Bitton has a brother in Regina. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Socred heads speak as one says Thompson

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

The two heads of Social Credit in Canada speak as one.

That, in effect, is what Robert Thompson, national Social Credit leader, said Tuesday night in Moncton, N.B.

And that, in effect, is what Real Caouette, deputy national Social Credit leader, said in Ottawa about the same time.

Both seemed to agree that their party — which gained 30 seats in the next Parliament — will co-operate with Prime Minister Diefenbaker's minority government of 116 MPs as long as it acts in the best interests of the Canadian people.

But . . .

Mr. Thompson said his party would not support any move to perpetuate any policies contrary to Social Credit doctrine.

Lumber ship leaves port for Japan

The Swedish freighter M.V Anjun left Prince Rupert yesterday after loading 2,600,000 board feet of lumber at the Prince Rupert Sawmills.

The 11,000-ton vessel arrived in port June 18 from Helsinki and had been loading until yesterday afternoon.

She is bound for Japan, via Portland where she is scheduled to arrive at 5 p.m. tomorrow.

The freighter, under Captain Ebbe Sjiberg, will be unloading at Osaka, Nagaya and Tokyo.

Another ship is expected at the sawmill towards the end of July.

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Douglas to seek Regier's seat

VANCOUVER (CP) — New Democratic Party members in Burnaby-Coquitlam paved the way Tuesday night for their national leader, T. C. Douglas, to seek a Commons seat in the constituency.

The riding's NDP Association voted 165-11 to allow Erhart Regier to resign the Commons seat he won in the June 18 federal election to allow Mr. Douglas, defeated in Regina City, to stand in a byelection.

The resolution was passed by 94 per cent of voting members at the meeting. The resolution said Mr. Regier could resign "if and at such time he believes it necessary."

Mr. Regier told a reporter he hoped to seek election in another riding soon but added he expects to take a paid job with the NDP at national level until he gets back into the House.

He said Mr. Douglas would probably be elected by acclamation. All the opposition candidates in the constituency in the June 18 election lost their deposits, the nearest trailing Mr. Regier by 10,000 votes.

The membership resolution allows leeway in case another general election is called in a few months. In that case Mr. Regier would not have to resign his seat.

The 46-year-old schoolteacher, first elected in 1953 and re-elected in 1957 and 1958 and at the last election, leaves for Ottawa today to check the technicalities involved in resigning when there is no House in session.

However, he said he would not make his decision until after a party caucus in Winnipeg July 12.

Blasting at floats starts Friday

Blasting at the Rushbrook floats area north of the old dry dock will begin this Friday, S. R. Cliburn, superintendent of the Vancouver Pile Driving Company announced this morning.

Mr. Cliburn asked that persons and ships do not come any closer than 1,000 yards of the area for the next three months, when the drilling and demolition of rocks is expected to be completed.

The Vancouver Pile Driving Company was awarded the contract for re-building the existing breakwater in dredging the area and building an additional 900 feet to the existing breakwater.

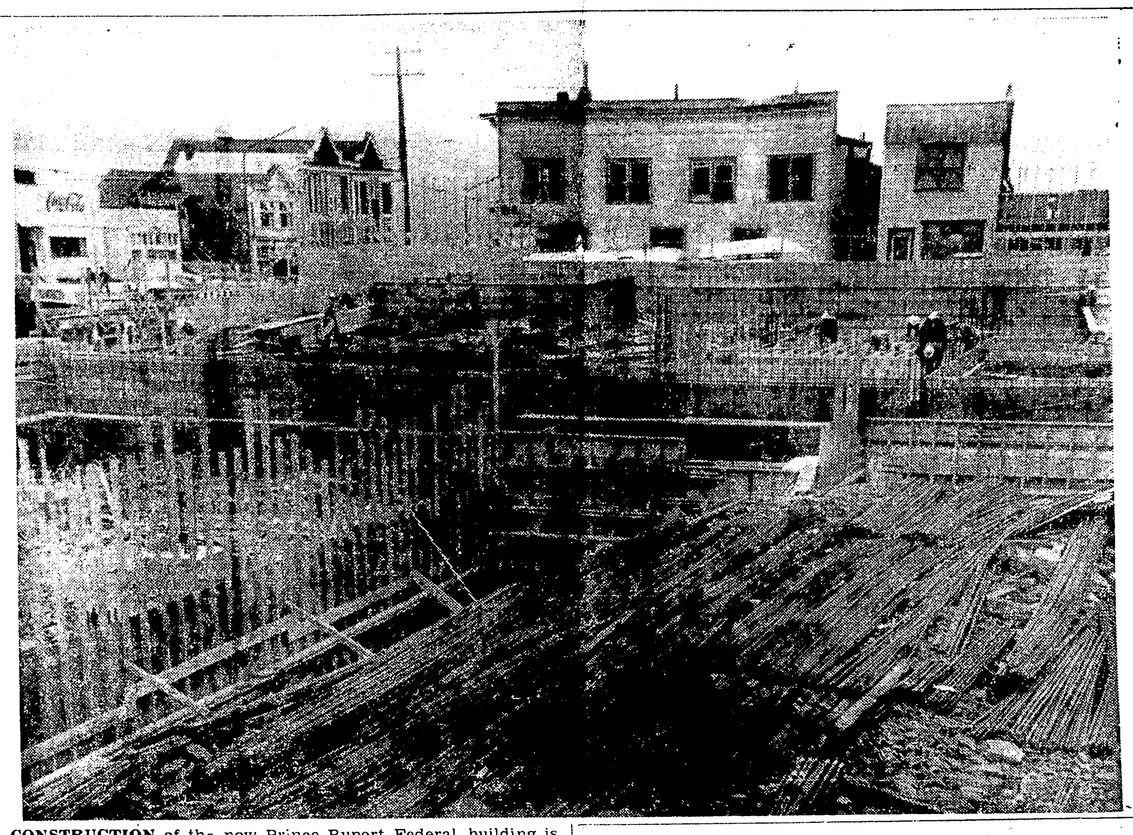
Mr. Cliburn estimated the job will cost approximately $150,000. Work began the first part of June. Armand Burnett is the drilling foreman on the project expected to be completed in four months.

Masset woman dies aged 69

Emma Ferguson of the Dominion Rooms died in the Prince Rupert General Hospital Monday morning.

A widow, Mrs. Ferguson was 69 years of age, and was originally from Masset.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed and will be announced at a later date.



CONSTRUCTION of the new Prince Rupert Federal building is progressing favorably and it is expected that the $700,000 building will be completed by next May. Construction workers have started building the re-inforced concrete walls. Pictured in the foreground are stock piles of re-enforcement steel which will be used on the project. — Staff photo by Ozzie Zbitnew

Federal building work continuing on schedule

Having overcome excavation problems and still remaining on schedule, Commonwealth Construction Co. Ltd. officials hope to surge forward with the construction of Prince Rupert's new Federal building.

Beginning construction in March Commonwealth is now decking the future two-storey building. Locally hired construction workers are now working on the walls, and staircases.

"Not finding the rock where it was supposed to have been," constituted basic excavation problems according to V. W. Crockett, construction superintendent.

The building, which will cost an estimated $700,000, is expected to be completed by next May. It is being constructed in two parts, the north part of the building is 100 feet by 80 feet, and the South part 60 feet by 90 feet. The basement will be restricted to the 60 by 90 section.

Mr. Crockett said that many of the materials used are available locally. Some of the subtrades are not local because they are not available here. The plumbing and painting sub-contract is handled by a Kitimat sub-contractor. Ornamental iron work, and other specialized jobs will be handled by Vancouver contractors.

The building will be structured with reinforced concrete, and about 2,000 yards of concrete will be used before it is completed. Mr. Crockett said that according to government stipulation all products used must be Canadian.

The Commonwealth working force of 26 is made up of local men with exception of the key personnel. Foreman of the job is Ronald Peasey.

World market for wheat increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — A combination of factors has produced a record world market for wheat, with Canada, the United States and Australia sharing the largest exporting gains.

The U.S. agriculture department today estimated that in the 12 months ending June 30, world wheat exports climbed to a peak of 1,600,000,000 bushels, compared with the previous high of 1,518,000,000 the previous year.

Canada's share of the market rose to about 360,000,000 bushels from 343,000,000 a year ago, the U.S. share of 710,000,000 from 602,000,000 and Australian exports to 220,000,000 from 183,000,000.

The Canadian and Australian increase, said the department, came mainly in sales to Communist China, hit by poor crops and widespread hunger. A lot of the U.S. wheat was sold abroad for local currencies or under other special deals. Argentina, another big exporter, didn't get into the China market early in the year but now has a consignment, a shipment of 3,700,000 bushels to reach China before the end of June.

Prince Rupert has now gone 110 days without a fatal traffic accident and 431 days without a fire fatality.

MAYOR LESTER SAYS:

Cancellation of grants may boost mill rate

The provincial government's plans to discontinue per capita grants to municipalities could mean a mill-rate increase of 7.1 mills in Prince Rupert, Mayor P. J. Lester said today.

Mayor Lester was commenting on Premier W. A. C. Bennett's recent announcement that at the next session of the legislature, the government will introduce legislation permitting grants to municipalities equivalent to taxes instead of the present per-capital grant system.

The government plan also includes a homeowner grant increase from $50 to $100. It applies only to owner-occupiers of homes.

Some municipalities have said the new system will adversely affect their own budgets and shift more of the tax load onto businesses and apartments.

Mayor Lester said the per capita grants for Prince Rupert amount to $141,896 per year.

He said the amount of taxes which the provincial government would pay if they were to pay taxes on provincial property within city limits is $27,707, making a net difference of $114,189 which would represent a mill-rate increase of 7.1 mills.

Premier Bennett said the increased homeowner grant would cost $30,000,000 annually.

"Not one cent of the money for this grant will come from your taxes," he said. "Every dollar will come from your resources, my friends."

Talks capped

REGINA (CP)—Saskatchewan's doctors and the provincial government were still at loggerheads today on the question of medical care insurance.

Marathon talks between the two groups were capped Tuesday night when both sides issude statements—the CCF government offering certain concessions, the doctors rejecting government proposals.

News Briefs

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — More than a regiment of Vietnamese troops supported by marines, air force and naval units continued slogging through mangrove swamps today in the fourth day of a massive hunt for Communist Viet Cong guerrillas.

EAST BERLIN (Reuters) — East German Communist leader Walter Ulbricht has dismissed as unnecessary the Western proposal for four-power talks on shooting incidents at the Communist-built Berlin border wall.

ALGIERS (Reuters) — A Secret Army Organization pirate broadcast in Oran Tuesday night ordered a halt to the terrorist organization's "scorched earth" campaign in the Western port city, it was announced from Rocher Noir, the Algerian government centre, today.

TOKYO (AP) — A spokesman for a major steel producer said today Japanese steel exports to Canada and elsewhere will not be affected by scheduled price cuts July 1 on the domestic market.

QUEMOY (AP) — Nationalist Chinese defenders on this bit of gun-bristling rock are taking the big Communist buildup on the China mainland five miles away calmly.

Low bid for school higher than allowed

A low bid for the construction of additions to Conrad school was approximately $37,000 higher than what the provincial government allowed, it was learned today.

Arne Lien, District 52 School Board secretary, said the board, having discovered this, has contacted the provincial government and are at present awaiting a reply as to what should be done.

The provincial government allowed $120,000 to be spent on the project.

Bidders were Commonwealth Construction Co. Ltd. of Vancouver, Jarvis Construction Co. Ltd. of Vancouver, and two Prince Rupert contractors, Robinson Construction, and North West Construction Ltd.

Commonwealth was lowest with $157,298, and Jarvis construction second lowest with $162,469.

It is up to the government now to decide what the board will do, and Mr. Lien said he does not expect any construction to begin until sometime next month.

Two other school construction jobs are in the offing. Preliminary plans for a two room addition to the King Edward school are being made, and tenders will be called shortly for a new elementary school in Section Two.

Salmon escapement rises

More salmon have escaped from commercial Area 4 near the mouth of the Skeena River into the river proper than any year since 1958, the Skeena management committee said in a report.

Catches in test nets for the past week (ending June 24) indicated an escapement of approximately 15,000 sockeye. This brings a total estimated escapement up to 39,000 to that date.

Standard test fishing drifts begin at Tyee above the Skeena River comercial boundary, on June 11. These test drifts have been carried out in a similar way since 1956.

The test fishing catches dropped to a relatively low level shortly after commercial fishing began and remained low throughout the commercial fishing period.

Information from past tagging and recovery operations show that up to this time, the sockeye were mainly proceeding to the early south-end Babine streams as well as to other spawning areas such as Lakelse and Alastair Lakes and the Bulkley-Morice system.

Scale readings of the fish caught in the test fishing nets during the week ending June 17 revealed that 80 per cent [illegible] fish were five years old while 15 per cent were four years old.

Preliminary landing figures provided by plant operators reveal that the sockeye catch in the Skeena gill net area amounted to approximately 14,700 pieces last week. The catch of red and white spring salmon was reported to be about 550. The number of pinks caught in the Skeena area was 352.

Heavy taxes

VANCOUVER (CP) — British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority will pay $6,400,000 in school taxes and grants to municipalities this year.

Dr. Gordon Shrum, chairman, announced today that grants totalling $2,300,000 will be paid to municipalities.

PRINCE RUPERT ROTARY CLUB fulfilled a three-year-old pledge of $5,000 to the Friendship House yesterday. Pictured above, Rotary Past President John A. Martin is seen handing over a cheque for the sum to Rev. Dr. R. W. K. Elliott, director of Friendship House. — Staff photo by Ozzie Zbitnew

Five vessels land halibut

Five vessels landed a total of 230,000 pounds of halibut in port today.

Selling on the exchange: B.C. Rover with 70,000 pounds, including 40,000 pounds of medium at 32.6 cents per pound and 30,000 pounds of large at 36.15, sold to Pacific; Miss Georgina with 66,000 pounds including 40,000 pounds of medium at 31.6 cents per pound, and 25,000 pounds of large at 35.2 per pound and 1,000 [illegible] packers; Shirley Rose with 30,000 pounds, including 15,000 pounds of medium at 32.1 cents per pound and 15,000 pounds of large at 35 cents per pound, sold to Nelson Brothers; Connie Jean with 26,000 pounds including 23,000 pounds of medium at 31.7 cents per pound, 2,000 pounds of large at 36 cents per pound and 1,000 pounds chix at 17 cents per pound, sold to Babcock.

Advance landed at the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association's Fairview plant with 38,000 pounds, including 18,000 pounds of medium and 20,000 pounds of large.

The Prince Rupert halibut exchange will be open on Saturday, June 30, but will be closed Monday, July 2.

Poles ordered for power line

VANCOUVER (CP) — B.C. Hydro and Power Authority announced today that 3,854 cedar poles have been ordered for the 230,000-volt transmission line that will supply power from the Bridge River generating system to the Prince George and Cariboo areas.

Contracts to supply the poles have been awarded to Canada Creosoting Company Ltd. ($501,952) and North West Cedar Products Ltd. ($432,853).

An additional 700 poles will be supplied to the project from B.C. Hydro and Power Authority stockpiles. The poles, many of which will come from the Prince George area, will range in height from 60 to 90 feet.

Bids for the contract to construct the 255-mile circuit will be called in the near future and work is expected to begin in August. Clearing of the right-of-way is underway.

WEATHER

Cloudy with sunny periods on Thursday. A little milder. Winds west 15 frequently northwest 25 over open water. Low tonight and high Thursday 48 and 58.

Daily News Readings

Temperature at noon 51
Barometer, rising 29.9

TIDES

Thursday, June 28, 1962
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	10:49	17.7 feet
	22:50	21.0 feet
Low	04:37	4.2 feet
	16:36	7.0 feet