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DELIVERY TRUCK trying to take bread to Northland Navigation Company Limited's Skeena Prince, is shown being stopped by picketing members of International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union Local 505 yesterday during a 10-hour tie up which delayed ship sailing by six hours. ILWU objected to contract with Westcoast Stevedoring Company Ltd., which allowed members of Seafarers' International Union aboard Skeena Prince, to unload certain cargo.

— Staff photo by Phylis Bowman

Direct plane service set for city as of April 29

Two planes daily Monday to Friday

Prince Rupert is to get a direct flight schedule to and from Vancouver in addition to the regular flight via the Queen Charlotte Islands, the Chamber of Commerce was told last night.

B. I. Anderson, agent for Canadian Pacific Airlines in Prince Rupert told chamber members that starting April 29 and effective until October 27, CPA would operate a daily Convair flight direct from Vancouver to Prince Rupert.

It will be a Monday-to-Friday inclusive service.

At the same time, there will also be a DC-3 service from Vancouver to Prince Rupert via Sandspit.

On Saturdays there will be one flight only.

The new service will see a Convair leave Vancouver at 11 a.m. and arrive at Prince Rupert at 1:45 p.m. It will leave Prince Rupert at 2:15 p.m. and arrive in Vancouver at 4:55 p.m.

The DC-3 flight via Sandspit will leave Vancouver at 9:30 a.m. and arrive in Prince Rupert at 1:40 p.m., five minutes before the direct flight. It will leave here at 2:20 p.m. and arrive in Vancouver at 6:20 p.m.

The Sunday flight schedule will also be changed as will the aircraft.

The Convair aircraft will leave Vancouver at 7:20 a.m. arriving in Prince Rupert at 10:05 on its way to Prince George and Edmonton. It will arrive back in Prince Rupert southbound at 4:25 p.m. It will leave here at 4:40 p.m. and arrive in Vancouver at 7:15 p.m.

After Mr. Anderson's announcement of the direct flight, W. J. Scott told the chamber that it was "quick to criticize CPA when we are not satisfied with the service, and therefore I think we should thank CPA for listening to the chamber's requests for a direct flight."

He said the chamber had fought a long time for a direct flight and it was only right that the chamber thank CPA for its proposal to inaugurate a direct flight. The chamber concurred and passed a motion to that effect.

News Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy replied today to Soviet Premier Khrushchev, clearing the way for the meeting of foreign ministers at Geneva to discuss nuclear testing and disarmament.

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LONDON (Reuters) — Soviet Premier Khrushchev declared today Russia will conduct nuclear tests to perfect a "new type of weapon" if the West holds more nuclear tests.

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RANGOON, Burma (Reuters) — Gen. Ne Win, chairman of the revolutionary council that seized power in a lightning coup Friday, was named premier and planning minister Monday with the backing of the country's pro-Communist National United Front party.

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ORAN, Algeria (AP) — Hundreds of Moslems demonstrated today before a prison where secret army commandos killed two Moslem prisoners and wounded 30 others in a fire raid Monday.

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SAIGON (AP) — South Vietnamese forces using decisive airpower scored two major victories over the Communist Viet Cong during the last two days killing more than 100 Red guerrillas and wounding or capturing hundreds more, government officials said today.

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States reported to the United Nations Monday that a total of 72 U.S. space vehicles [illegible] around the earth as of [illegible]

MURDER TRIAL STARTS

Witness says accused slapped, kicked woman

A Hungarian, testifying at the murder trial of Grzegorz Sikora, said that he saw Sikora "kick and slap" a woman who later died.

Sikora, alias Harry Chikora, is charged with non-capital murder in connection with the death of Lena Azak who died at 541 Ninth Avenue West November 2, 1961.

The case is the first to be heard at the Spring Assizes of the Supreme Court of British Columbia before Mr. Justice T. W. Brown in the Prince Rupert Court House.

Laslo Szabo, a fisherman who lives at 541 Nnith Avenue West, testified that he, Sikora, Miss Azak and Kolman Zoltman were drinking wine in Szabo's room during the early hours of November 2.

Szabo said that while they were drinking, Sikora "kicked and slapped the woman and ripped her clothes."

Szabo testified that Sikora had called the woman names and said to her, "I'll kill you."

When Sikora left he dragged the woman out of the room by her hair, Szabo said. This was about 1:45 a.m.

He said that later the same morning Sikora left the house. In the afternoon Szabo saw the woman sitting in the washroom and said that there were "bubbles coming from her mouth."

He said the woman was in the washroom for about an hour and then went into her room and locked the door.

Shortly after 5 p.m., Szabo and Sikora came back to the house and shouted, "Lena, open the door."

Sikora shouted for her to open the door several times and then kicked the door. Finally it opened and Szabo said he then heard the sound of a "big light."

Szabo told the court that the light dropped about 6 p.m. and Sikora came over to his (Szabo's) room and asked him to bring something to drink to his (Sikora's) room.

Mr. JUSTICE T. W. BROWN
. . . presides at Assizes

Szabo testified that when he walked into the room, Miss Azak was lying motionless on the bed. He told Sikora that the woman was dead but Sikora wouldn't believe him, he said.

Finally Sikora felt for a heart beat and said: "You are right."

The woman's body was: "blue, blue, blue," Szzabo told the jury.

Harvey Jessop from Kitimat is Crown prosecutor for the case while Murdoch Robertson from Terrace is defence counsel.

Terry Yerema of 225 Ninth Avenue West is interpreter for Sikora, a Ukrainian.

Members of the jury are: Anthony John Sanich, foreman; William Henry Fudger, Harry Malcolm Gleneross, Sylvester Peter Reiffer, Joseph John Schultzik, Richard Edward Leighton, Dennis William Burnip, Henry Helmut Brewer, Hugh Muir, Keith Vincent Carson, James Meharey Fields and Douglas Edward Alvey.

Fire kills child as adults panic

TRAIL (AP) — A three-year-old girl died in her blazing home Wednesday because people panicked and in the excitement delayed turning in the alarm, fire chief L. W. Ronald said Monday night.

Chief Ronald said children playing with fire were the cause of the blaze in which Christine Carpenter died.

Man fined $25

Tibor Grobaresik of 735½ Third Avenue West was fined $25 or in default of payment sentenced to eight days in jail this morning in Magistrate's court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite after being found guilty of common assault.

Grobaresik, who pleaded not guilty, was charged with assaulting Lorenz Hanzel of Westholme Rooms February 27.

Pensioner veterans given boost

OTTAWA (CP) — Recipients of war veterans allowances aged 70 and over will be able to receive the full amount of recent $10 increases in old age and blind pensions, Veterans Minister Churchill announced in the Commons yesterday.

His announcement was greeted by opposition leaders as a victory for them.

Mr. Churchill said heretofore amounts received from old age pensions had always been counted as part of the income subject to the means test under the War Veterans Allowance Act. Veterans' pensions and the income ceiling for the means test were increased last summer.

When the old age pensions was increased this year to $65 a month from $55, effective February 1, it was at first counted as income under the War Veterans Allowance Act.

Mr. Churchill announced today that the government had reconsidered the situation, and would count the $10 increase in old age pensions and blind allowances as exempt from the income ceiling for veterans aged 70 and over.

CITATIONS FOR BRAVERY, were presented to James Albert Dudoward, 38 and Edward George Sampson, 34, at the All-Native Basketball tournament Friday night by Guy Williams, president of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia. Mr. Dudoward and Mr. Sampson were presented the awards by the Royal Humane Association for their actions in saving the life of Charles Lincoln after a fishing boat wreck in December, 1954. In top photo, Mrs. Audrey Miller, Mr. Dudoward's sister being congratulated by Mr. Williams on behalf of her brother. Bottom picture shows Mr. Sampson looking at his citation with Mr Williams.

— Staff photos by Gary Oakes

GAGLARDI THANKED

Work slated this year on Port Edward road

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BACK SKEENA MLA

Chamber approves plan for Highway 16 work

Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night endorsed a proposal by Skeena MLA Dudley Little that the Department of Highways be encouraged to undertake a three-point program on Highway 16.

Neil MacDonald, vice-president of the chamber, said Mr Little had told him in a letter that from information received from Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi, the costs of completing the Hazelton to Terrace section of Highway 16 were "nothing short of staggering" and in the vicinity of $12,000,000.

However, Mr. MacDonald quoted Mr. Little as saying he proposed a three-point program which might help put Highway 16 into shape with a minimum amount of delay.

He proposed:

- That a start be made immediately on the Hazelton to Seaton section of Highway 16 including the Bulkley Canyon, at an estimated cost of $2,000,000
- That thought be given to paving the Terrace to Cedarvale section on the same basis as the Prince Rupert section was paved, with a minimum amount of preparation, just so long as it was paved.
- And while these two projects were being undertaken, a road should be built on the north side of the Skeena River on a provincial-federal government cost sharing basis as part of the second trans-Canada highway.

The chamber endorsed Mr Little's proposals with little discussion.

FORECAST FAVORABLE

Good fishing season predicted for '62

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[illegible] by the [illegible] of America [illegible] stocks of [illegible] in Prince Rupert Vancouver and Seattle.

The association made up of individual fishermen [illegible] companies [illegible] made contribution. Total [illegible] contribution paid $30,000 on advertising with excellent results. A similar program was planned for this year.

The halibut season opens March 26 in Area 3B in the Bering Sea north and stays open until October 15 with a quota of 5,500,000 pounds. Area 3B south opens April 19 until September 30 with a quota of 3,500,000 pounds. Area 3A opens May 9 with a quota of 33,000,000 pounds while Area 2 opens also May 9 but has a quota of 28,000,000 pounds. Areas 1 and 1B are the same as Area 2.

Mr Christensen said that the 1963 meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission would be held at Petersburg, Alaska.

Mr Christensen said that this year vessels leaving Areas 3B south or north, when Area 3A is closed to halibut fishing will be required to have the gurdy and chute sealed by the United States Customs at Sand Point, Alaska.

He said that while considerable quantities of herring had been caught he did not think the herring fleet would reach the quotas of the different districts before the season's end four days from now.

In the North District 30,654 tons out of a 40,000-ton quota had been caught. In the Central District 25,376 tons had been caught on a 40,000-ton quota and 8,704 tons had been caught in the Queen Charlotte Islands District where there is no quota.

After March 10, bait fishing will be permitted and since there was only 450 tons of herring bait in stock another 450 tons was needed. He said Japan was getting low on its stock of octopus and the price had gone up from 8 to 10 cents per pound.

The Norwegian merchantmen Martha Bakke was in Prince Rupert yesterday unloading some 310,000 pounds of octopus from Japan.

Mr. Christensen said that clam digging was rather slow but canning was in progress at Nelson Brothers Fisheries in Port Edward. There were several boats fishing for shrimp but there was not too much production.

Four to 12 beam trawlers were fishing the Hecate Straits and catches of cod and mink feed were fair. Sole catches were poor but should improve when the weather clears and fishermen can get to better grounds.

Evening course in survival starts March 12

As time for the three-day Civil Defence orientation course in survival draws nearer Co-ordinator John Laurie would like to know how many are planning to attend.

The course, planned for March 12, 1 3and 14 will be conducted by K. E. Jackson, British Columbia chief of resuce. The course will run from 7:30 to 10 o'clock each evening at the Civic Centre.

Persons wishing to take the course can obtain further information from Mr. Laurie at the Civil Defence office in the City Hall by telephoning 2111 or at home at 4523. A minimum of 24 students is required.

Registration for the course will start at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 12 at the Civic Centre.

Firemen to two calls

City firemen answered two minor fire calls yesterday.

The first was behind 125 Ninth Avenue West where the city crews were burning down a shack. The fire got out of control and the fire department was called. There was no damage.

The second fire was in the vicinity of 224 Eighth Avenue West where a pile of garbage being burned got out of hand.

Prince Rupert has now gone 3 days without a fatal traffic accident and 339 days without a fire fatality.

WEATHER

Cloudy Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Winds light tonight and southerly 15 tomorrow. Low tonight and high Wednesday 25 and 40.

Daily News Readings:

Temperature at noon	40
Barometer, rising	30.01

TIDES

Wednesday, March 7, 1962
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	02:01	22.7 feet
	14:13	23.2 feet
Low	08:07	2.3 feet
	20:29	0.7 feet

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