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Work on Highway 16 vital to ferry plan says Murray

Sees Prince Rupert "Seattle of Canada"

VICTORIA (CP)—A new ferry system connecting Prince Rupert with Alaska will make the north British Columbia coastal city "the Seattle of Canada," the legislature was told Wednesday.

William H. Murray (SC-Prince Rupert) said vessels on a service to Haines, Alaska, will call daily at Prince Rupert. The cost of shipping freight overland in British Columbia will be less than it would be to transport it to Alaska via Seattle.

"It becomes apparent that the gateway to Alaska later this year no longer will be the port of Seattle but will become Prince Rupert," said Mr. Murray.

IMPROVEMENT NEEDED

Most of the shipments will come over the Northern Trans-Provincial Highway from Prince George and because of this the road should be maintained and improved.

"There is a great deal left to be done on Highway 16 if B.C. is to enjoy the full benefit of the ad ent of this Alaska marine highway system in terms of freight and tourism," he said.

He said there were sections between Terrace and Cedarvale and Hazelton and Moricetown which needed attention.

"The government's concern for rapid and orderly development of the Pacific northwest encourages me to plead for the early and in some cases immediate improvement of this highway."

END ON CHARLOTTES

He said if federal assistance is granted to the highway, instead of terminating at Prince Rupert it should be extended to the Queen Charlotte Islands. It would recognize the important role the islands have played in the area's economy.

Mr. Murray said the federal government had accepted its responsibility and had recently built a new airport and terminal buildings and contracts would be let this year for a new administration building.

WILLIAM H. MURRAY
. . . wants road work done

FRANK CALDER
. . . seeks equal rights

Take-over of NBCPC suggested

VICTORIA (CP)—Two northern - riding members suggested in the legislature Wednesday that the government move toward public ownership of the Northern B.C. Power Company, which supplies power to Prince Rupert and Stewart districts.

Frank Calder (NDP-CCF-Atlin) said the government should take over the company, along with surveys it had made to develop 450,000 horsepower with two hydro-electric dams on the Nass River.

William Murray (SC-Prince Rupert) asked the government to have its new B.C. Hydro authority make a study in the areas served by Northern B.C. Power, and if it found power could be provided at lower cost under public ownership, then take over the company.

CHEAPER POWER

Mr. Muray said he is convinced that such a study would show publicly-owned power operations would supply cheaper electricity to his city and other communities in the north coast area.

Mr. Calder said that Northern B.C. Power, a subsidiary of Frobishers Ventures Ltd., has completed surveys of two Nass River dams but no action has been taken and no reasons have been given why the projects have not proceeded.

He suggested the government obtain these surveys and use them in planning future development in northwest B.C.

URGES PLEBISCITE

He said residents in his vast Atlin constituency are convinced that their area would be served best by B.C. Hydro and he asked the government to provide a means whereby they might be able to express this feeling through a plebiscite.

Northern B.C. Power has made a suggestion that it should receive a subsidy from the provincial government and he took this to mean the company must be in trouble and financially embarrassed.

"In these cases this government should not hesitate to negotiate terms with the private company for a possible takeover," he said.

Mr. Calder said he believed Mr. Murray would support this same approach when he spoke.

Mr. Murray followed Mr. Calder in the debate and said:

PROPER STUDY

"I believe that a proper study should be first of all carried out and if savings over the next number of years become apparent from such a survey, then a similar course to that pursued with B.C. Electric should be undertaken."

The Social Credit member also said that rural electrification expansion could not be expected under private ownership.

"Only a public body such as B.C. Hydro will provide for the future electrical needs not only of Prince Rupert but the areas contiguous to it," he said.

SHAPELY FILM STAR Jayne Mansfield was under sedation in hospital today being treated for shock, exposure and sand-flea bites after being marooned overnight on an isolated island near Nassau, in the Bahamas. The 28-year-old actress, her 32-year-old husband Mickey Hargitay and a friend Jack Drury, got to the island after their water-skiing tow boat overturned.

Jayne Mansfield shivers, shudders about sharks after water-ski mishap

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP)—Movie actress Jayne Mansfield, who skied gaily out of Nassau Wednesday in a scanty swim suit, returned safely today, shivering and weeping, with a story of a harrowing experience at sea and a night on a chilly beach.

She was taken to hospital for treatment of shock, exposure and coral rock cuts.

The actress, her weight-lifting husband Mickey Hargitay, and a Florida friend were found safe this morning on a beach at Rose Island during the search touched off when they failed to return Wednesday night from the water-ski trip.

"Don't be upset, honey, sweetheart; it's allright," Hargitay said to Jayne as he led her to a car for the trip to the hospital.

"It was the sharks; that was the worst," said Jayne, who is reported to have an almost uncontrollable fear of sharks.

The Nassau Yacht club said sharks have not been reported in those waters for many years.

Hargitay was taken to hospital for treatment of a cut leg and was released after treatment.

Hotel publicist Jack Drury, of Fort Lauderdale, the third member of the party, was uninjured.

Miss Mansfield lay on a deck chair swathed in blankets as the group returned to Nassau aboard the boat that picked them off the beach of the isolated island after a plane spotted them.

Hargitay told the story of their experiences after they set off on the trip. Jayne and Mickey were on skis and Drury piloted the 17-foot outboard boat they had rented. They continued until they got 1½ miles from Rose Island, six miles from Nassau.

"Jayne fell off her skis," he said. He said he tried to help and fell off himself. She complained of a hurt leg. They were not wearing life jackets.

Drury in the boat, said he thought he saw sharks and called a warning. Jayne panicked, Hargitay said.

The men said they brought the boat about and tried to get her into it, but in the struggle the boat overturned. Then Jayne fainted.

Drury and Hargitay got Jayne atop the overturned boat and they drifted perhaps an hour before they landed on a little coral island, no more than 50 feet in diameter.

The tide came in and water left just room enough to sit. There they perched throughout the night.

In the morning, Hargitay said, the tide dropped and they waded and swam "about two blocks" to Rose Island, a nine-mile long, half-mile wide, isolated island, virtually uninhabited and without communication.

A searching plane later spotted them.

Replacement here for skipper of Greek freighter

Capt. Raissis Nikolaos, master of the MV Apollonia, a Greek freighter presently loading grain for China at the Canadian Government elevator, was scheduled to leave Prince Rupert today to take over a new ship in Japan, it was learned today.

Goulandris Ltd. of London, England, owners of the Apollonia, have launched a new ship at Aioi, Japan and Capt. Nikolaos is to assume command of the new vessel.

Capt. Leonadis Kouskucious arrived in Prince Rupert Tuesday from Athens, Greece, to captain the Apollonia.

Today six crew members of the Appolonia were scheduled to return to Greece for a vacation.

The Appollonia, a 505 - foot vessel, started loading 13,300 long tons of barley Tuesday and is expected to leave port tonight or tomorrow.

The Appolonia has a gross tonnage of 10,300 tons and can travel fully - loaded at a speed of 15.3 knots. She was launched December 8, 1960.

FISHERIES STUDY URGED

Calder asks full rights on liquor for Indians

VICTORIA (CP)—Full liquor rights for Indians in British Columbia, a federal royal commission to study mid-Pacific fisheries and full workmen's compensation coverage for commercial fishermen were requested Wednesday by Frank Calder (NDP - CCF—Atlin).

At the same time, he urged the provincial highways department to take immediate action to see that access roads to Telegraph Creek, in his far-north riding, are cleared so people there will be able to travel to and from the community and to get in supplies.

He read a letter which said that because of winter conditions, the road into Telegraph Creek has been impassable and the community is without certain supplies, among them flashlight batteries and toilet paper.

Mr. Calder, a Nishga Indian, accused the B.C. and federal governments of buck-passing in the matter of granting full liquor privileges to the Indians of the province.

He suggested that the governments do not wish to take such actions because it would eliminate one source of revenue, "namely liquor fines under the Indian Act."

"I believe it is a million-dollar business across the country, and maybe on that account they don't want to eliminate the problem."

He told the legislature that nearly 40 Indian reserves are in the process of signing liquor plebiscites possible under the Indian Act and in the Nass River area, where he grew up, the vote had been 80 per cent in favor of the Indians being allowed to take liquor to their homes on reserves.

ONLY MEDIUM

"The use of this method is our only medium by which the Indians can express their wish in black and white," he said.

He hoped that all villages would participate in the plebiscite votes and that the results would convince the provincial government it should take the necessary action to give full liquor rights to Indians.

In asking the provincial government to seek a federal royal commission on mid-Pacific fisheries, Mr. Calder said he believes proposed 12-mile off-shore fishing limit would force United States fishermen to seek salmon in mid-Pacific.

This would cause a decline in the numbers of salmon in B.C. salmon streams.

STUDY FISHERIES

The royal commission should study and co-operate with other interested nations in the whole question of mid-Pacific fisheries and its relationship to B.C. salmon grounds before any action was taken to extend the fishing limit to 12 miles from its present three.

He urged the province to do all possible to have all commercial fishermen included in workmen's compensation coverage.

PARTLY SUPPORTS PLAN

William Murray (SC- Prince Rupert), speaking in the throne speech debate after Mr. Calder said he supports this suggestion, but he takes issue with demands by the fishermen that all cost of the coverage be borne by B.C. fisheries.

He said men who own their own boats, hire their own crews and sell their fish wherever they like should not expect the packing companies to pay compensation costs for them.

B.C. wrong to give island to Princess

VICTORIA (CP) — Frank Calder, Nishga Indian who represents the far-north Atlin riding in the legislature, said Wednesday the provincial government had no right to give an island to Princess Margaret when she visited B.C. in 1958.

The New Democratic Party-CCF member said "neither this government nor any government has paid the Indians for lands in this province, and it has absolutely no legal rights to be giving lands or islands away that it does not rightfully own in the first place."

B.C. ROUNDUP

Oil exploration rights for offshore sought

VICTORIA (CP)—The British Columbia government introduced legislation Wednesday which will provide for petroleum and natural gas exploration permits in offshore territories.

The bill, given first reading provides a classification for permits for exploration of lands, three-quarters of which are continually covered by water.

Heart operation

VANCOUVER (CP) — Hazel Alexis, 28, of Williams Lake, is in satisfactory condition in hospital here following open - heart surgery here Wednesday.

Millworkers strike

PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — Some 25 men employed at Quality Spruce Mills at Topley, 90 miles west of here, have walked off their jobs in the first strike action by the International Woodworkers of America (CLC) in the interior since 1954.

Invited to Kootenays

VICTORIA (CP)—Attorney-General Bonner Wednesday was asked to visit the Kootenays to assure municipal officials that the provincial government is doing its best to curb further outbreaks of bombings and arson.

The request was made by Randolph Harding, NDP - CCF member of the legislature for Kaslo-Slocan, who said the trouble was caused by a "minute minority" of members of the Sons of Freedom Doukhobor sect.

Doukhobor freed

NELSON (CP) — A Sons of Freedom Doukhobor stepped out of the prisoner's box a free man Wednesday after Mr. Justice Harry Sullivan ruled that a statement he gave police last November 20 was inadmissable.

The assize court judge told 30-year-old Andrew Tarasoff to "go and be a good boy," as he released him from an arson charge in connection with the burning of two buildings at Champion Creek last August 19.

Wins scholarship

VANCOUVER (CP) — University of British Columbia graduate A. D. Gosman of Quesnel is among six UBC graduates offered Athlone scholarships involving two years post - graduate work in Britain, the United Kingdom Information Office announced Wednesday.

Court ponders decision in crash case

Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite today reserved decision until February 20 on a charge of dangerous driving laid against John Donders of 1126 Beach Place.

Donders, whose trial began yesterday pleaded not guilty through defence counsel W. N. Poole. The trial concluded today.

Donders was charged following a head-on collision January 13 between the car he was driving and one driven by Thomas Henry Perkins of 1401 Eighth Avenue East. Five persons, including the drivers, were taken to hospital as a result of the crash.

Indian Affairs operation by B.C. asked by Calder

VICTORIA (CP)—The only Indian member of the British Columbia legislature will ask the British Columbia government to seek federal legislation giving the province power to take over complete administration of Indian affairs within B.C.

Frank Calder served notice of the request in a motion on the House order paper today.

It asks the B.C. government to urge Ottawa to pass legislation under which the province could assume the administrative role "when such decentralization is requested by the province and the majority of non-treaty and treaty Indians" resident in B.C.

The New Democratic Party CCF member for Atlin also asks that the legislature request the government to consider advisability of negotiating with Ottawa for financial arrangements to permit the province to provide services to the Indians on a par with those enjoyed by other residents.

Hhe suggests the province should undertake such specialized education, developmental and economic programs as required by the special needs and problems of the Indian communities.

QUESNEL (CP) — Nearly 500 Quesnel residents returned to their homes Wednesday after the flooding Fraser River broke through a massive ice jam and returned to normal level.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Prince George to Vanderhoof, few slippery sections. Sanding. Vanderhoof to Burns Lake, good winter conditions. Isolated slippery sections. Sanding. Road will be closed temporarily at blast time. Burns Lake to Smithers, few icy holes and bumps in isolated areas. Smithers to Terrace, some rough and icy sections Terrace area. Sanding and ice-blading. Terrace to Prince Rupert, ice-blading and sanding. Winter tires or chains required.

Terrace to Lakelse, rough and icy sections. Sanding. Lakelse to Kitimat, pavement good.

Prince Rupert has now gone 42 days without a fatal traffic accident and 313 days without a fire fatality.

City delegates to Smithers for C of C talks

Sixty delegates, including six or seven from Prince Rupert, representing the Chambers of Commerce for central B.C. and their Alaska affiliates, will meet in Smithers tomorrow to plan a fall convention. The three-day conference will embrace the Associated Boards which will discuss the northern trans-provincial highway and tourist expansion for the area. They will also enjoy a two-day bonspiel.

Delegates represent communities along the highway between Prince Rupert and Prince George.

Heading the Prince Rupert delegation will be Neil F. MacDonald, vice-president of the local chambers.

$190 in goods taken from store

Thieves broke into OK Used Goods at 620 Third Avenue West sometime between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. yesterday and stole approximately $190 worth of merchandise, including four radios and five watches. The store is owned by Alex Hryciuk of 733 Eighth Avenue West.

News Briefs

BERLIN (AP) — West Berlin police reported a big Communist troop movement in East Germany today on the western outskirts of the city.

The police said they saw 80 to 100 army vehicles in a convoy moving from the neighborhood of the Glienicke Bridge, on the western tip of the U.S. sector.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Britain are proposing to Russia that the foreign ministers meet at the proposed 14-nation disarmament conference next month for a major new effort to bring the nuclear arms race under international control.

The step coincides with formal agreement by Britain to American use of Christmas Island in the mid-Pacific for an expected new series of nuclear weapons tests in the atmosphere.

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ALGIERS (Reuters) — Algiers students went on strike today in protest against the killing of three European youths in the continuing wave of racial violence in this troubled North African territory. The three students were killed in the last 48 hours by Moslem gunmen.

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VOELKINGEN (AP) — The Saar Valley counted 270 dead and 83 severely injured today in Germany's second-worst coal mining disaster. Up to 70 miners are believed still missing.

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Tiros IV, the fourth in a series of high-flying electronic weathermen, has already sent back pictures of the earth's cloud cover, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said this afternoon. The 285-pound camera-carrying satellite soared into orbit, 400 miles above the earth about 4:44 this morning.

Light out

The Duckers Island Light, No. 480 on the List of Lights, has been reported extinguished, the Department of Transport Marine Service reported this morning. It will be attended to as soon as possible.

WEATHER

Wind warning continued. Cloudy with scattered showers Friday. Little change in temperature. Southeast winds 20 in exposed areas, occasionally reaching 30. Low tonight and high tomorrow 38 and 48.

Daily News Readings

Temperature at noon 51
Barometer, falling 29.38

TIDES

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High	04:36	21.8 feet
	16:52	20.1 feet
Low	10:40	4.5 feet
	23:03	4.3 feet

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