Buildings begin to topple in flood-ravaged Hay river

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UNLOADING HARVEST OF HALIBUT

Crews are shown at work at Atlin Fisheries today after unloading of 90,000 pounds of halibut by the Vancouver vessel, the New Queen. Her load of 84,000 pounds of medium at 24.70 cents, 3,000 pounds of large at 26.50 cents and 3,000 pounds of chix at 18 cents, sold to Atlin.

—Harrington photo.

Laing to seek more aid for Stewart-Cassiar road

Five-year extension will be advocated

VANCOUVER (CP) — Northern Affairs Minister Laing promised Tuesday to recommend a five-year extension of federal-government participation in building the Cassiar-Stewart road in northern B.C.

The $15,000,000 project was to be completed this year, with the federal and provincial governments splitting costs costs 50-50 under the roads to resources program.

Work has fallen behind due to the terrain, Mr. Laing said.

Provincial government authorities have stated that the road may be open to some traffic in 1965.

Contractors are working at both north and south ends of the road north of Stewart and south of Kinaskan Lake, south of Dease Lake. Approximately 89 miles still have to be let to contract in the central gap.

The road is anticipated to give a big boost to development of natural resources in the area, including the Cassiar asbestos operations, other mining operations, and lumbering.

ART LAING

BIG BERING SEA CATCH ATTRIBUTED TO WEATHER

SEATTLE (AP) — The International Pacific Halibut Commission reported Tuesday about 6,000,000 pounds of halibut were caught in the Bering Sea this spring, an increase of some 1,250,000 pounds over last year.

F. Howard Bell, assistant director of the commission, said around 100 American and Canadian boats fished the area compared with 75 a year ago.

Bell said the heavier catch also was due in part to good weather — the best fishermen have encountered since extensive fishing of the Bering Sea began in 1958.

Mayor pleads for help in evacuating Hay River

HAY RIVER, N.W.T. (CP)—The mayor of this northern town today declared a disaster and called for help to evacuate the town as flood waters from the rampaging Hay River lapped at the doors of schools used as a refuge by hundreds of men, women and children.

Mayor W. R. McBryan sent out a call for helicopters to evacuate the town. More than 1,800 persons live at the northern distribution and fishing centre on Great Slave Lake.

The plea for help came as men went out in boats, braving huge ice floes, to gather food supplies from flooded grocery stores. Authorities at one of the two schools sent out a call for baby bottles, disposable diapers and mattresses.

NO PANIC

Buildings began to topple in the town but there was no sign of panic among the townspeople sheltering in the high ground buildings.

Ice-clogged flood-waters continued to surge through the island community as residents crowded to safety on high ground.

Army demolition crews were to study the possibility of blasting three-foot-deep ice on the lake to permit entry of ice jams flowing down the Hay Hiver.

Co-Op store workers vote for strike

Strike action was favored this morning in results of a government-supervised strike vote taken among members of local 535 of the Retail Wholesale and Department Store Union representing employees of the bakery, Co-Op Centre and Cow Bay marine division of Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative Association.

The vote went 95 per cent in favor of strike action, R. S. Colbert, the union's representative from Vancouver, reported. Sixty-two persons were eligible to vote.

He said that 48-hour notice of pending strike action had been served on the Co-Op management.

The strike vote follows negotiations which have gone on since the contract between the local and management expired December 1, 1962.

The management accepted a majority report of a conciliation board recommending increases of $1.50 a week for the period from November 30, 1962, to November 30, 1963, and $1.50 a week for the following year in a two-year contract. The union is holding out for a $10 a week wage increase which it says is a "negotiable figure."

Daily smile

Remember when the moon was just something the cow jumped over?

Grants in aid approved for municipalities

VICTORIA (CP) — A cabinet order-in-council has approved annual grants in aid to B.C. municipalities, cities, towns, districts and villages for a total of $12,871,565.

The grants are made under statute and are based on the 1961 federal census.

Local governments of under 3,500 population receive $16 a resident. Centres with between 3,501 and 8,000 of population receive $12 a head. From 8,001 to 50,000 it is $8 a person and from 50,001 upward the sum is $6.50.

Prince Rupert will receive approximately $141,000, about the same as last year.

Jayne Mansfield granted divorce

JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Actress Jayne Mansfield, wearing a low-cut yellow dress, was granted a Mexican divorce Tuesday from muscleman Mickey Hargitay.

Miss Mansfield, accompanied by night club entertainer Nelson Sardellia, said:

"Mickey is a great man, I respect him but we just could not get along."

Sardellia said he is engaged to Miss Mansfield. "We are very much in love."

MacMillan-Bloedel may be partner in Alcan complex, newspaper says

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Province says that MacMillan, Bloedel and Powell River Ltd., may be a "dark horse" partner with the Aluminum Company of Canada in a proposed $80,000,000 pulp and paper complex at Kitimat.

The newspaper says that MacMillan Bloedel and Alcan are partners in Kitimat Pulp and Paper Company which has a long-standing application for a tree farm licence pending in the Kitimat area.

EXTENSION GIVEN

The Kipco application has been extended to January 1, 1964, the newspaper says, at which time Lands and Forests Minister Williston will review the situation.

Alcan announced in December that it plans to have a pulp mill in production by the end of 1965. The Province says since then MacMillan-Bloedel has been surveying the forest resources.

The Province quotes a MacMillan-Bloedel official as saying the survey is to determine whether the company goes ahead with Kipco or whether it utilizes its own timber in its existing plants.

Alcan announced in December than Canadian, European and Japanese interests would participate in the pulp venture.

The Province says J. V. Clyne, chairman of the board of MacMillan-Bloedel, left this week for Japan "for a bit of a look round."

BROAD HINT

Growing speculation that former federal works and justice minister E. Davie Fulton, above, has chosen Kamloops riding to contest a seat in the provincial legislature, has been heightened by a broad hint from his executive assistant. Lowell Murray said the leader of the B.C. Progressive Conservative party has "mentioned Kamloops in an off-hand sort of way." Fulton would meet Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi in a head-on battle.

Bralorne plans to broaden scope

VANCOUVER (CP) — Bralorne Pioneer Mines Limited plans to diversify into other lines, President Fritz McGonigle told the annual meeting Tuesday.

He said the company is studying the commercial development of shale, a market survey covering certain natural resource products on the lower mainland and investments in a metals casting company.

But he assured questioners that the company is not thinking of getting out of mining. The gold mining operation in the Bridge River area would continue to be the basic part of the company's operations.

Canada's stand on fishing to be known within few weeks

VANCOUVER (CP) — Federal fisheries minister Robichaud says he expects Canada's position in the matter of Japanese fishing rights in the Eastern Pacific will be settled within a few weeks.

The minister, arriving in Vancouver for two days of talks with B.C. organizations—including fishermen concerned in the dispute, told interviewers he would report immediately to the cabinet on his return to Ottawa.

The minister said: "It is vital that this matter be settled as soon as possible. I believe the cabinet will announce its decision within the next few weeks."

The dispute concerns a recommendation by the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission that the Japanese be permitted to take herring off the west coast of the Queen Charlotte Islands and halibut in the eastern Bering Sea.

The present treaty precludes them from fishing these areas. Fisheries interests, particularly the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union (Ind.), have strongly opposed the proposed change.

Japan and the United States, the other signators to the North Pacific Treaty, have already approved but Canada has delayed its decision.

The minister will meet here with the fishermen's union, the Pacific Trollers' Association, the Fishing Vessel Owners' Association, the Fisheries Association of B.C. representing the companies, the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association and the Native Brotherhood of B.C.

Navy divers fail to locate bodies

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — Sound detection gear used by a team of navy divers from Esquimalt, has failed to locate six unrecovered bodies from the eight-death collision of two private planes last Saturday. Only two bodies have been recovered from Skaha Lake, into which both planes plunged following the crash. Neither body has been identified.

Truck blaze closes road

FORT ST. JOHN (CP) — RCMP have closed a 250-mile section of the Alaska Highway following an accident in which a semi-trailer truck loaded with ammunition overturned on the highway Tuesday.

The truck caught fire after the mishap at Mile 230 of the highway. It was reported to be still burning late Tuesday night.

The truck, owned by Garrison Transport of Seattle, was loaded with ammunition for a United States army base. Police said there were a few small explosions but no one was injured.

Lloyd McFaul of Dawson Creek, the driver, and Doug Hartnell, also of Dawson Creek, co-driver, escaped injury when the truck overturned.

The RCMP said they expected it would be midnight tonight before the highway would be reopened to traffic. They said the sudden closure had created trouble for motorists in finding accommodation.

Two MPs won't give up divorce bill blockade

OTTAWA (CP) — The engineers of the New Democratic divorce blockade in Parliament say they won't give it up without either a royal commission on parliamentary divorce or designation of a court to handle divorces of Quebec and Newfoundland residents.

Arnold Peters, MP for Timiskaming, said Tuesday neither he nor Frank Howard, MP for Skeena, would be willing to pave the way for a four-party agreement that would permit rapid passage of a backlog of some 700 divorce bills.

It is understood negotiations with this end in view have been under consideration within the Liberal government. To date no approach has been made to either Mr. Peters or Mr. Howard.

In the last Parliament and in several sessions of previous Parliaments, the two New Democrats, with assistance from some of their colleagues, successfully stalled divorce bills.

Their aim is to remove from Parliament the task of granting divorces to residents of Quebec and Newfoundland, the only provinces without divorce courts.

The device used by the New Democratic MPs involves discussing each divorce bill separately in detail. This slows their passage to a handful in the limited time the Comomns devotes to such measures under present House rules.

Senate sources estimate there will be about 1,000 awaiting action within a few weeks of the opening of the new Parliament May 16.

Rupert Rambles

Wildlife in abundance was seen by **Mr. and Mrs. Max Fleming** when they hiked into **Toma Lake**, near Rainbow Lake, on the weekend. They saw flocks of geese pausing on the lake on their migration northward, plus deer, none of which paid much attention to them. And they brought home a couple of trout to cap their eight hours at Toma.

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Back in Prince Rupert after spending the winter months touring Europe is popular man-about-town **Greg Forbes**. Greg says that most of the young people over there speak English, which makes it much easier to get dates.

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City works department crews were out washing down Third Avenue today, getting rid of excess gravel used on the road during slippery weather. You'll be able to distinguish which cars were parked on Third Avenue during the washdown by the clean wheels and dirty bodies.

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Nelson Avenue school, one of Burnaby's oldest schools, is scouting for former students who might wish to attend a reception for ex-students, parents and teachers, May 31 in honor of **David Gray**, retiring principal. Mr. Gray, a former baseball star, has been principal since 1935.

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B.C. gov't providing more scholarships

VANCOUVER (CP) — Education Minister Peterson announced Tuesday that government will increase the number of scholarships awarded to universtiy students achieving second-class honors to 2,500 from 2,000.

In a talk to the Lions club he said that the increase was made "in view of the steadily increasing numbers of students who are proceeding with studies in higher education."

Under the government's plan a scholarship covering 50 per cent of the next year's tuition is given to all students who achieve first-class honors in Grade 13 or in university.

Up to now the top 2,000 students who got second-class honors received scholarships paying one-third of the next year's tuition.

American team pushing toward top of Everest

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — The United States Everest expedition's first assault team was believed making its final push today toward the summit of the world's highest mountain.

The expedition established Camp Six at 27,800 feet Tuesday preparatory to an attempt today to reach the 29,028-foot peak, a spokesman in Katmandu announced.

The push to the summit was to be made by two men, drawn from the four Americans and 13 Sherpa porters who made up the expedition's first assault team.

Climbing below them was a second assault team of four Americans and four Sherpas. Two men from this group also were to try for the summit.

At least one attempt was planned over the southeast ridge which Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay crossed in their conquest of Everest 10 years ago.

TWO JAPANESE BOATS OUSTED

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Headquarters of the 17th Coast Guard district said Tuesday crew members from the cutter Clover boarded two Japanese fishing vessels apprehended Monday night in territorial waters of St. Paul Island, in the Bering Sea.

The Coast Guard said the mining that no federal fishery boarding party, after determining that no federal fishery laws were being violated, ordered the Japanese craft out of U.S. waters.

The Clover escorted the two Japanese vessels beyond the three-mile limit. The two Japanese ships were not identified

Today's News Briefs

Pearson arrives in London

LONDON (Reuters) — Prime Minister Lester Pearson arrived here today for talks with Prime Minister Macmillan and other British leaders.

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Indonesia takes over West New Guinea

JAKARTA (Reuters) — Indonesia today took over West New Guinea, the last remnant of Holland's East Indian empire, and renamed it West Irian. The United States trasferred control. President Sukarno, meanwhile, today demanded independence for the British Borneo territories.

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Castro watches big parade in Moscow

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, dressed in a khaki uniform and beret, today joined Russian Premier Khrushchev atop the Lenin mausoleum to watch the traditional May Day parade featuring Soviet rocket might. The celebrations were boycotted by United States Ambassador Foy Kohler because of Castro's presence.

WEATHER

Mainly cloudy today and Thursday with widely scattered showers. Little change in temperature. Southerly winds 15 today, becoming westerly 15 tonight. Low tonight and high tomorow 35 and 50.

Daily News Readings

Temperature at noon .. 64
Barometer, rising . 29.78

TIDES

Thursday, May 2, 1963
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	09:01	16.8 feet
	22:06	17.6 feet
Low	03:10	9.2 feet
	15:36	8.2 feet