

CITY HALL

Closed Session Blown Wide by City Alderman

A closed session of city council two weeks ago, held in the open last night by an irate alderman who said he "strenuously objected" to the type of publicity given the occurrence in The Daily News.

Harry M. Daggett received a letter from the council to say that the session had been closed and said:

"I should like to give an accurate account of my mind. I was criticizing Don Stewart, superintendent of works, and suggested that Mr. Stewart resign because he was not getting the full amount of his salary."

"Because of the nature of this session and because I wanted to protect Mr. Stewart, I asked for a closed session."

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Outcome of the "secret" session was a "pep" talk to the superintendent of works by some aldermen who were not satisfied with the way in which the city public works was directed.

"I have had many people call me by telephone and stop me on the street asking me what it was all about, and I want to make myself clear that I asked for a closed session as far as the public was concerned."

"I guarantee the next time I shall oppose it again."

Ald. George Hills, chairman of the board of works, said he was "proud that I have called for closed meetings at times to protect the identity of some people—families, in cases of social welfare. I think we were quite right also in calling a closed meeting in this instance."

Mayor Whalen also reprimanded Ald. Daggett, saying: "I believe you committed a grave error by introducing the matter in the first place in council. We have committee meetings for such things. I should think, also, that the board of works would like to hear of such a matter which concerns them before the whole council."

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BOATS FOR OLYMPICS—Members of the Argonaut Rowing Club of Toronto address the crates carrying the four- and eight-oared boats for Canada's Olympic rowing crews at Helsinki. Ted Pundard, left, an executive of the rowing club, supervises the packing. The boats will replace two shells which arrived in Helsinki unfit for use. The shells now being sent were built in Kelowna, B. C., for the Olympics but arrived in Toronto too late for shipment by sea. (CP Photo)

Socreds Choose Leader By Secret Ballot System

CCF Strengthens Organization

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Social Credit party, which will form the next government in British Columbia, met in caucus here today to choose a leader. He will be premier and will be selected by secret ballot—the first time in history that B.C.'s chief legislative officer has been chosen in this manner.

Top mention for leadership goes to Lyle Wicks, president of the B.C. Social Credit League; W. A. C. Bennett of Kelowna, Progressive Conservative member in the last legislature until he broke ranks, and R. E. Somers, school teacher at Castlegar, and Eric Martin of Vancouver.

Decisions taken at the caucus may not be known until late tonight.

"We do not expect to make any announcement until tonight," Lyle Wicks said at press time today.

Meanwhile, the provincial executive of the CCF party has decided to put two fulltime organizers into the B.C. political field as a result of gains made in the June 12 election.

In a statement, the executive said the members regret "that thousands of voters do not realize that by voting Social Credit they were supporting a political party that differs from the Liberals and Progressive Conservatives only by name."

The executive also supported the decision of CCF organizers in Vancouver-Burrard and Similkameen to ask for a judicial recount for narrowly-defeated candidates there.

It was disclosed that the CCF election campaign cost \$10,000.

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Tax-Payers Vote August 7 On \$675,000 Phone System

Dial Exchange Planned In Complete Overhaul

Prince Rupert voters will go to the polls once again next month.

This time tax-payers will vote on whether or not they want to borrow \$675,000 for a new telephone system. The plebiscite will be held August 7.

City council last night passed two readings of the lengthy by-law which calls for borrowing the near three-quarter million dollars at an interest rate of 4 1/2 per cent.

By the time interest and principal have been paid in 20 years the total will amount to \$1,052,150.

The bylaw plebiscite on which the citizens will vote also includes expenditure of purchasing a telephone exchange building, which city council has decided will be the old government liquor store on Third Avenue.

The new telephone system—an automatic, dial exchange—will completely replace the old system and will add several thousand new telephones.

It will be installed by the Automatic Electric Co. of Canada, Ltd. The borrowed amount is to be paid back from revenue of the telephone system which has been estimated at not less than \$127,000 for 1952.

The bylaw, after it has passed the third reading at a special council meeting tomorrow night, will be sent to the Victoria department of municipalities for approval.

Then the bylaw will be published in its entirety for the public to read.

ONE PLEBISCITE PASSED
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Aviation Council Luncheon Here For Those Interested in Flying

A luncheon will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the Civic Centre for all persons or organizations interested in promotion of flying—for pleasure or profit.

Seven representatives of the B.C. Aviation Council will land here tomorrow morning in four planes on a province-wide tour. The luncheon has been arranged by city council, Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, and Prince Rupert Aero Club.

Mayor Harold Whalen and six aldermen will represent the city. Two 15-minute talks on landing field, air transport and general flying subjects will be given, and a question period held.

Railways Apply For Freight Rate Boost

16 Per Cent Increase Asked

OTTAWA.—Railways today applied for a new series of freight rate increases that would amount to more than \$80,000,000 a year. Two proposed general increases totalling about 16 per cent would bring to 97 per cent the accumulation of post-war rate boosts on types of traffic to which they apply.

These make up about half the railways' \$900,000,000 a year freight movement.

In a three-way move before the Board of Transport Commissioners, they asked:

1. An immediate general increase of seven per cent.
2. A further but not necessarily immediate hoist of nine per cent.
3. An increase in rates on grain and grain products moving in the west for domestic consumption, bringing them up to Ontario-Quebec levels. This would not affect the statutory "Crow's Nest Pass" rates on export grain traffic in the west.

Under two general-increase proposals coal and coke would be exempted from the percentage boost but under each of two sections of application

would be subject to increases of between 10 and 20 cents a ton.

Along with the application, the Railway Association of Canada served notice that carriers will seek a further increase if current wage demands of their unions result in higher operating expenses.

Queen Suffers Slight Cold

LONDON (AP)—The Queen is confined to her room with a slight cold, Buckingham Palace announced today. She conferred honors to 250 men and women this morning even though suffering from a chill.

BULLETINS

RCAF Searches For Plane

VANCOUVER (CP)—An American plane with two men aboard which disappeared on 200-mile flight from Penticton late Monday was sought today by RCAF searchers. Plane was bound for Vancouver. Identity of fliers and home town not disclosed by the RCAF.

Mysterious Object Sighted

VANCOUVER (CP)—Brightly glowing object behind a luminous vapor trail, was seen across Vancouver last night by dozens of puzzled citizens. It disappeared over Howe Sound in "shower of fire."

Disagreement Ends Steel Talks

NEW YORK (AP)—New steel strike peace talks ended today with the industry and United Steelworkers in disagreement but standing by for further word from the White House. Move may come from Washington.

Operators Agree to Mediator

VANCOUVER (CP)—Coast lumber operators today agreed to ask Chief Justice Gordon McG. Sloan to mediate the strike of 32,000 woodworkers.

The suggestion was made last Saturday that the chief justice, who settled the six-weeks-long strike of woodworkers in 1946, be called in as mediator.

The suggestion was adopted by the executive of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO-CCL) and it won approval at a meeting of operators this morning.

The multi-million-dollar industry has been tied up by a wage dispute since June 14.

Baby Found Abandoned In Pushcart

A tiny baby girl was found abandoned in downtown Prince Rupert this morning and taken to the Salvation Army hostel.

F. E. Anfield, superintendent of Indian Affairs here, in a radio broadcast to all natives said the baby was discovered at 2:30 a.m. in a white pushcart buggy in which there was a black overnight bag.

The broadcast said: "The baby is well and may have just come out of hospital." He asked that the mother contact him or police.

TIDES

Wednesday, July 16, 1952 (Pacific Standard Time)

High	9:17	15.2 feet
	21:11	18.6 feet
Low	3:02	5.7 feet
	14:43	9.5 feet

Sees All in One Hour Whirlwind Tour of Alcan by Minister

KEMANO.—A whirlwind tour of this bustling camp at the head of Gardner Canal brought to a close the trip through North-Central B.C. by Canada's Minister of Resources and Development, Hon. R. H. Winters.

Met at the dock here at 3:30 p.m. Monday by Walter Abramson, resident engineer for the Aluminum Company of Canada's vast development here, Mr. Winters saw how a "town" of more than 3000 workers has been hewn out of wilderness in just a very short time.

The minister, who was presented from an early-morning take-off from Prince Rupert by low clouds and fog, was accompanied by his private secretary, R. L. (Bob) Elliott, and this reporter.

About 30 miles south of Prince Rupert the sun was shining brightly and the minister was awe-struck by the snow-capped mountains and scenery through the islands dotting the flight south.

A boiling sun greeted the party at Kemano, although a strong wind was blowing.

Mr. Abramson, who spent eight months on a giant tunnel project under construction in Toronto, welcomed Mr. Winters and the party was taken from the landing float by tug to the dock where they boarded a station wagon for a 10-mile ride through once-dense forest to the Kemano camp site.

A ramp, originally constructed to allow persons to move from the float to a smaller pier, has not been reconstructed since it crashed last May 10, claiming the life of Alex Hunter, managing editor of The Daily News, and seriously injuring Jack McAra, Liberal MLA in the last legislature, and John F. Magor, publisher of The News.

Dust and rocks kicked up from the wheels of the station wagon didn't bother Mr. Abramson as he sped along the well-gravelled road, all the way answering questions and describing the project to Mr. Winters, while at the same time he kept in contact with various parts of the camp by radio from the car.

During a one-hour tour, he showed the minister how a huge work base has been hewed from forest, the giant tunnel being "mended" to next year's council, constructed, and explained the vastness of the project.

A sawmill operated by the company converts all useable timber into necessary lumber and (Continued on Page 6)

If Thou Dost Rain, For Forty Days It Will Remain

The patron saint of Winchester Cathedral from the 10th to the 16th century, whose death is entered in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle under the year 861, must be looking over Prince Rupert.

St. Swithin, whose body was transferred from an almost forgotten grave to a new basilica on July 15, 971, has been mentioned in legendary literature as connected with the weather myth which reads:

St. Swithin's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain;
St. Swithin's day if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain na mail.