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STRIKE FRACAS—Trouble flares at the strikebound Sunshine Waterloo Company, Ltd., plant at Waterloo, Ont., when six foremen try to pass a picket line. One gained entry but five were forced back. Police charged 14 employees with besetting in connection with picketing. About 300 employees have been on strike since July 3. (CP PHOTO)

Rain Gives Slight Relief to Blazing Forest Front While Men Keep Fighting

A half-hour rain last night on the west and north boundaries of the 40,000-acre Tintagel fire near Burns Lake brought fresh hopes to dog-tired firefighters as they went into their 11th day of battling the province's worst forest fire in 10 years.

"The fire has simmered down considerably" was the official report at noon today.

"The rain and high humidity of the air is helping a great deal."

Some 120 men are working in eight-hour shifts always on guard with bulldozers, power saws and pumps in their red tide winning fight against the red tide which already has devastated thousands of feet of merchantable timber and claimed the lives of at least one firefighter.

Another is presumed dead. Here is how the fire started August 9.

From his Boer Mountain look-out Jack Mowat saw a bolt of lightning slam into timber crackling with thirst.

The forester pinpointed the location and grabbed his binoculars. Soon they trapped a finger of smoke which announced the birth of a forest fire.

Mowat lunged across the cramped cubicle where he spends the summer months on constant alert and radioed the news into forestry headquarters here.

There were no delays. Crack woodsmen were ordered into the bush, to locate the fire, study the terrain and blaze a route for the firefighters who would follow.

That was Saturday, 11 days ago. But even the beacon of a savage forest fire can be dimmed in wilderness which roams over tens of thousands of square miles. They didn't find the outbreak until last Sunday.

The fire held all the cards as it nursed on the dry scars of old logging operations, treacherous ancient burns and a fortune of spruce and pine sucked of protective moisture by days of shimmering heat.

The first firefighters, carting portable pumps, found creeks and sloughs which showed on their maps had been drained by nearly three weeks of summer drought.

They were greeted by a wind as inconsistent as a teen-ager, which changed the course of the fire dozens of times in a 24-hour period. It carried sparks which put them in constant danger by setting spot fires behind their lines.

Tuesday the wind grew more constant but still more dangerous, sending the flames bulldozing toward the settlement of Tintagel, eight miles east of here on the highway to Prince Rupert.

The call went out for more firefighters.

RECRUITING

Recruiting was done under the Forestry Act. Mounties patrolled the streets of Burns Lake.

"Can you handle a pick and shovel?" they asked. "Do you know how to work a pump?"

Every able-bodied man was questioned. Most went willingly and they needed a good excuse if they said otherwise. Police said the number of funerals they were told were scheduled greatly outnumbered Burns Lake's deaths.

But there was real tragedy ahead on the fire lines.

The threat to Tintagel never became more than a threat. A change in the wind was all that saved the town. The wind began to goad the flames northward into the uninhabited territory between Tintagel and Taltapin Lake.

It was still an uncontrolled inferno and Wednesday night or Thursday morning one and probably two lives were lost under a deadly streamer of flame.

TRAGEDY

Eight men were hacking out a fire trail with bulldozers when a sudden gust of wind sent a curtain of flame racing through the treetops, surrounding them.

Their only avenue of escape was to dash through the fire to a burned-over spot. Six got through. But Howard Gordon and J. H. Hunter took what they believed to be a

shorter route. Gordon's body was found later. There has been no trace of Hunter and he is feared dead.

Friday, the some 200 firefighters got a partial break from the weather. There was no rain but the humidity increased and the nights grew cooler. The wind died.

As of today the fire was still uncontrolled by man. But, after hurtling over an estimated 35,000 acres and possibly more, it was making no appreciable headway.

Lightning caused this fire, the biggest in B.C. this year. A carelessly-tossed cigarette butt or a spark from logging equipment would have had the same effect. In 1951, these and similar almost unnoticed incidents started fires which ravaged a record 404,000 acres in the province. The toll this year is estimated unofficially at about 50,000 acres so far.

Saturday the situation was greatly improved around Burns Lake, commenting: "We believe we are going to check it now."

Monday the wind rose again and the red tide began sweeping through the trees.

Only rain can give complete relief.

Canada's Wheat Carryover Biggest in Seven Years

OTTAWA—Canada's wheat carryover from last crop year totalled 212,974,000 bushels, biggest in seven years, the Bureau of Statistics reported Tuesday. The crop year ended July 31.

This balance, which will increase the strain on Canada's grain storage facilities, is a gain of 25,785,000 bushels from a 187,189,000-bushel carryover in the previous crop year.

But it is some 43,000,000 bushels below the 10-year average annual carryover in the 1941-50 period.

'Go Easy on Strikes' Govt. Appeals to Labor

Govt. Plans More Revenue From Resources

VICTORIA ©—The provincial government has under consideration a plan to increase its revenue from forest industries and large mining concerns, it was learned Tuesday.

The plan involves changes in basic legislation, and will require approval of the legislature.

The new proposal will be one of the major pieces of legislation presented to the new house.

Details of the plan have not been worked out, but general plan calls for changes in B.C.'s controversial forest management plan, designed mainly to boost revenue for provincial coffers.

Also under study is the possibility of institution of a sliding scale of mineral royalties.

WINNIPEG (CP) Canadian labor today had before it an appeal from the federal government to go easy on strikes that could slow defence production.

Labor Minister Gregg, in putting it up to the convention of the big Trades and Labor Congress of Canada yesterday, urged "mutual concessions" before labor and management to keep industrial harmony.

"In these critical times," he said, "when free nations of the world are striving to hold their lead in the production race over those who would destroy all freedoms, our production should not be interrupted, impeded or interfered with for even a short time."

Gregg called particularly on the 502,000-member TLC—the country's biggest labor body—to help "ensure this necessary industrial harmony" and prevent "potentially-dangerous delays" to Canada's production machinery.

B.C. Liquor Problem To Be Probed by Committee

Labor Asks For Nation Health Plan

WINNIPEG (CP) — Though Britain's national health scheme came in for some criticism, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada Tuesday renewed its demand for a Canadian health insurance plan.

The largest Canadian labor party at its annual convention asked the federal government to set up legislation for a health scheme on a contributory basis, declaring labor men are ready to assume their "fair" share of the cost.

STUDY BRITISH

Before adopting that declaration, the convention heard two former United Kingdom men say there have been mistakes in the British setup but Canada should study these and profit from them.

The Labor Congress also decided to continue pressing the federal government for programs of low-rental housing and slum clearance.

The annual convention expressed itself as "greatly disappointed" by inaction on these points and said housing shortages are aggravated by the government's "open immigration policy."

The Congress adopted a declaration on housing among the series approved at its afternoon convention sitting as it concurred in reports from its legislative committee.

U.S. Planes Hit Supplies

SEOUL ©—United States Air Force said about 200 Air Force and Navy planes today hit Communist ammunition-supply and troop-billeting area on the Korean west coast about 25 miles northwest of the Red capital of Pyongyang.

There are eight separate targets in the area, the Air Force said. Four were smashed by Navy pilots and four by Air Force fliers.

Returning pilots reported early claims that 58 buildings were demolished and five damaged. Big explosions rocked the area as bombs smashed into ammunition stores.

—WEATHER—

Synopsis

An extensive area of low pressure lies in the Gulf of Alaska and extends southward along the B.C. coast. From this storm area a series of weak disturbances has developed, the latest now across northern B.C. and there is evidence of another developing in the vicinity of the weather ship. Each storm gives cloudy skies with some light rain to the northern coastal points. A few clouds and showers to northern and eastern interior points but little if anything to the southeastern section of the province.

Thus very little change in the weather is anticipated in the next two days with little sign of rain to alleviate the forest fire hazard.

Forecast

A few sunny intervals today, otherwise cloudy today and on Thursday. Occasional light rain or drizzle. Little change in temperature. Winds southerly 15 to day and southerly 20 tomorrow. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy, 50 and 61; Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 54 and 60.

LEGAL TERM

"High seas" is a term of international law denoting the whole extent of sea which is not under the sovereignty of any state.



URANIUM CLAIM—Bob Calder, veteran prospector and said to be one of the best men with a geiger counter in the northland, marks his claim stake in the uranium staking rush in northwestern Saskatchewan. The geiger counter is carried by prospectors seeking uranium-bearing ore. A special series of clicks tells the prospector where the ground is promising. (CP PHOTO)

CARE Buys Meat From Government

Special to The Daily News

SMITHERS—Dr. E. Leroy Dakin, international field representative for CARE, announced today the organization has purchased 46,000 pounds of pork from the Canadian government.

Dakin did not disclose the price but said the purchase brings to more than five million dollars the amount CARE has spent for material in Canada for packages, Canadians, he added, individually have invested about 4½ million dollars for packages.

Dr. Dakin was advised of the purchase of pork by telegram from CARE executive offices in Ottawa.

CARE, a non-profit public service, began as an American enterprise but is now on an international basis. After an organizational meeting in Prince George, Dr. Dakin is returning to Ottawa. He began his Canada wide tour in Halifax last January 2 and has visited every city in the Dominion.

Blaze Rips Through Lumber

VANCOUVER ©—A three-alarm fire Tuesday night destroyed between 30,000 and 50,000 board feet of lumber as it ripped through a storage shed here.

The blaze was declared struck out 2½ hours after it flared up violently at Albion Lumber and Millwork Co. Ltd.

The damage was placed at possibly \$500,000.

Black smoke which billowed hundreds of feet into the air drew an estimated 8,000 onlookers to the scene, 1½ miles from downtown Vancouver.

Cause of the fire was not determined officially, but firemen on the scene said it might have been caused in the shed's wiring.

Government To Make Decision on Bars

By The Canadian Press

VANCOUVER.—A Vancouver newspaper said Tuesday in a dispatch from Victoria that a "widely representative" committee will be appointed soon to investigate the liquor problem in British Columbia.

The newspaper said Attorney-General Bonner is expected to make announcement within a few days.

The report says a committee will be made up of laymen, churchmen, medical men and experts in various fields who know the problems of alcohol and the dangers involved.

"The committee," says the report, "will specifically examine whether liquor should be sold in cocktail bars only, in hotel cocktail bars, in restaurants with meals; whether cocktail bars or beer parlors should be permitted to serve food, and a host of other related questions."

NO DECISION

In Victoria, the Attorney-General would neither confirm nor deny the report.

"The liquor question is certain to be given an earnest consideration by this government," Mr. Bonner said. "It is one of eight or 10 pressing matters and it stands high on the list."

Of the committee idea, he declared:

"It may well be that we will come up with something of the sort, but the decision will be one which the cabinet will have to make, and as yet, the cabinet has made no decision on the matter."

4 Dead In Two Jet Crashes

LONDON (CP) — Four R.A.F. men died in two jet crashes today bringing the toll to six crashes and 11 deaths in two days.

A twin-jet Canberra bomber, one of Britain's newest and fastest, plunged into a field near Royston, Hertfordshire, killing all three aboard.

A Twin-jet Meteor fighter plummeted near the Stockton-On-Tees, Yorkshire, killing the pilot.

The frequent jet crashes—approaching 50 this year—brought an anxious comment from coroners and newspapers but the Air Ministry contends that jet flying is safer than ever.

They say the number of jets in the air has doubled since last year, while crashes increased only 15 per cent.

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Thursday, August 21, 1952

(Pacific Standard Time)

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GUARDS PUP—Three-year-old Donald MacIntosh grimly hugs his pup to make sure no harm comes as a result of the wave of dog poisoning in Winnipeg's suburban St. James. Fifteen dogs have been killed by poison recently. The pup's mother, Lassie, also stands guard over the pup. (CP PHOTO)