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Food Prices Drop Downs Cost-of-Living Index

PRINCE RUPERT.—The cost of living index declined by four points during July to 187.6 from 188.0 the Bureau of Statistics reported today. The decline followed two consecutive monthly increases. Prices for some foods was the main factor in the decrease for fresh vegetables, including potatoes, over the increases for eggs, lemons and oranges, pushing the food sub-index to 238.0 from 239.5.

Alcoa May Start Alaska Smelting Plant in Spring

By The Canadian Press

PRINCE RUPERT.—The Aluminum Company of Canada disclosed Wednesday it might be able to start construction of its new \$400,000,000 smelting plant in Alaska next summer or late next spring.

Contest in City Election

Prize money will seek the city council made void the resignation last night of Alderman Harry M. Menzies.

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Anglican Synod Opens in London

LONDON, Ont. (CP)—The 18th general synod of the Church of England in Canada opened on a subdued, devotional note today prior to a discussion of a wide range of subjects during the 10-day meeting among 300 clergy and laity.

Freedomite Doesn't Seek Interview

VANCOUVER (CP)—Stefan Sorokin, leader of the radical Sons of Freedom Doukhobors, does not plan to seek an interview with Prime Minister St. Laurent.

Teacher Signs Contract; Hopeful

PRINCE RUPERT (CP)—Leo (The Teacher), miracle man, signed a contract to pilot the New Year's Eve parade next year and is hopeful of pulling it off this season.



FINISHING TOUCHES are made here by members of an experimental party on five test refrigeration cars which left here last month-end for eastern Canada loaded with Prince Rupert fish. A new method of refrigeration could revolutionize railroad shipping of frozen foods, according to Claude Lentz, (right), National Research Council engineer. The survey also is being sponsored by Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways, as well as manufacturers of refrigerators.

Bus Lines Must Wait For PUC Order to Raise Fare

Special to The Daily News

VANCOUVER.—Arrow Bus Lines has been instructed not to alter fares until the Public Utilities Commission completes its review of company operations.

S. G. Furk, auditor for the firm, and Mel Forbes, manager, met with officials of the Motor Carrier Branch of the PUC here Tuesday to discuss the company application for increasing fares.

Mr. Forbes said today the Motor Carrier Branch will make recommendations to the PUC in Victoria after it has checked facts and figures presented by Mr. Furk.

"I think we have given the branch a very clear picture of our operations and the reason for our application," said Mr. Forbes.

"They now have all the information about the company, but we cannot make any changes in the fare structure until the PUC hands down its decision."

"If the boost had been granted the increase would have gone into effect next Monday."

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MARSEILLES, France (CP)—Rescue squads searched today for bodies believed buried in the smouldering ruins of a soap factory which exploded and burned overnight. Twelve dead already have been recovered, and 32 persons were taken to hospital with injuries. The explosion last night is believed to have been in a tank of benzene. It was followed by a big fire which blazed for hours.

Fishermen Ask Meeting With Premier Bennett

To Discuss Closure of Northern Area Canneries

B.C. salmon fishermen have requested a meeting with Premier W. A. C. Bennett and his cabinet to discuss closure of salmon canneries in this area.

Homer Stevens, secretary-treasurer of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, said in Vancouver today a letter was forwarded to the premier Wednesday asking for an audience early next week "regarding this serious blow to fishermen and shoreworkers of B.C."

In a statement, he said: "Loss of earning power by those who catch and process fish will have a detrimental effect on the whole economy. Thousands of fishermen who normally operate in the Queen Charlotte Islands and the northern coast area will be forced to either terminate their season or turn to the overcrowded Johnstone Straits and Fraser River areas.

"In order to avoid a major depression in the fishing industry it is essential the federal government carry out an immediate review of their foreign trade policies."

The statement blamed the shutdown of canneries which went into effect following the Labor Day week-end, on loss of the canned salmon market.

Warehouses here are piled high with canned salmon and no large export orders are on the books.

CEASE FISHING

Mr. Stevens also announced that salmon net fishermen in Alert Bay decided over the weekend to cease fishing and proceed to their home ports to await settlement of fall chum prices.

"The UFAWU has not called a strike," said Mr. Stevens, "the fishermen were opposed to fishing after September 1 without knowing what the price would be."

Under terms of the Salmon Price Agreement, prices for fall chums were to be negotiated on or before September 1. The union met the operators last Wednesday to open discussions.

Mr. Stevens said canners were asked to submit their price but refused to do so.

Prices for fall chums last year were: Johnstone Straits and Fraser River, 11 cents a pound; Central and Northern area, 9 cents; Queen Charlottes, 8 cents a pound.

Mr. Stevens said meetings were held at all points along the coast to obtain views of salmon net fishermen regarding prices to be demanded.

"Several meetings indicated that the 1951 prices are being demanded for the 1952 fall chum production."

Recommendation of the union negotiating committee was to proceed with discussions with the canners in an effort to reach a settlement.

GREATER REVENUE

STOCKHOLM (CP)—Gross freight revenues of the Swedish merchant marine increased about 43 per cent last year, when the total reached \$270,000,000. Higher freight rates accounted for most of the increase.

Retired Railroad Engineer Likes the North; May Travel Some but Will Return to Rupert

Harry "Herb" White has pushed down the throttle for the last time on the old 1444 and now plans to do a little bit of traveling "with some one else pushing the wagon."

Herb, as everyone calls him although he was born "Harry," is a 59-year-old railroad engineer who retired from the service of the Canadian National Railways last week after 33 years and some months.

Known throughout the round-houses in western Canada as the engineer who never got mad at anybody, Herb says he's going to do a little bit of visiting, then likely come back to Prince Rupert.

"Of course, I don't think I'll settle down for a while yet, but I've got a farm up the line—just a few acres—and I think I'm going to spend some time up there," he planned aloud.

"Maybe I haven't travelled all around the world, but I've travelled half of it and there's no place I'd rather be than in northern B.C."

U.S. Navy Investigates Reports Of Strange Subs in North Waters

WASHINGTON (CP)—The Navy said Wednesday it has investigated reports of recent presence of unidentified submarines off Alaska.

In response to a question about west coast rumors that submarines had been seen in the Nome area last Thursday night, a Navy spokesman said:

"There was a reported contact in Alaska area. Investigation revealed that no conclusions are practicable. No further action is contemplated."

St. Laurent Speaks To Students on Tour

By The Canadian Press

VANCOUVER.—Youth got top priority today as Prime Minister St. Laurent's let's-get-acquainted tour continued in British Columbia.

First call in today's schedule was at New Westminster Junior High School, where the Prime Minister is to speak to students and do some tree-planting on school grounds.

Second call is at Burnaby South High School to speak to an assembled public and to high school students.

Before leaving for Victoria tonight, the Prime Minister will sandwich in a batch of other calls. These include receiving an honorary degree at the University of British Columbia, speaking at the formal opening of the new UBC law building and attending a dinner and reception.

Mr. St. Laurent arrived yesterday with an announcement that set private radio broadcasters into speculation.

Reporting that the government wants an additional loan for CBC for construction of three new television stations, the Prime Minister noted:

"The part to be played by privately-owned stations in extending national television services in Canada is being actively considered by the government."

Reporters asked if this means that private radio might be allowed to operate television. Mr. St. Laurent said:

"It is certainly not the intention to have television any more a monopoly than radio broadcasting."

Beyond that, he did not elaborate.

The Pacific coast will get one of the new stations and the others will be located in the prairie provinces and in the Atlantic provinces.

Sabre Jets Score New Record Blow

SEOUL (CP)—United States Air Force said that U.S. Sabre jet pilots today rolled up a near-record score for one day against Communist MIG jets—12 shot down and two or three crippled.

The best single-day performance by the fast Sabres was July 4, when they destroyed 13 Russian-built jets, damaged seven and probably destroyed one.

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Reds Don't Pay Canada For Ships

HONG KONG (CP)—China's second-largest shipping company, which includes several Canadian-built vessels not yet paid for, has been reorganized into a joint state and private enterprise, New China (Communist) News Agency reported today.

Its fleet numbers about 40 ships. Nine of them are ultra-modern vessels built in Canada under a scheme negotiated by the Canadian government and the Chinese Nationalist government before the Communists ousted the Nationalists from the mainland.

The vessels fell into the hands of the Communists and Canada has not been paid for them.

City Hall Installs PBX

The city hall telephone system is undergoing a change. From this date, all departments will be served by one central switch-board from which calls will be switched to the various phones.

The new telephone number is 796. To call any department of the city, call 796, then ask for your party. Telephone workers completed the installation today.

—WEATHER—

Synopsis
The most active Pacific storm which has been seen for many a day is this morning moving in on the ocean westward toward the Gulf of Alaska. By tomorrow morning this storm will lie near the Charlottes and strong winds and rain is expected in the northern sections overnight.

The storm is expected to weaken rapidly after it reaches the Charlottes but nevertheless extensive cloud and some rain will reach the southern coast and northwestern part of the interior tomorrow. Increasing cloud over the interior will serve to keep overnight temperatures a little higher tonight and the frost which occurred in central river valleys last night will not be repeated.

Forecast
Overcast today with rain beginning this evening, cloudy with showers tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Winds light, increasing to south 20 this afternoon and to southeast 30 gusty this evening. Winds shifting to southwest 20 Friday morning. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 50 and 60.

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TO RAILROADING says Harry "Herb" White, 59-year-old Canadian National engineer who retired here last week after nearly 34 years of service. Herb, however, stays in northern B.C., because, in his own words "I don't know where the people are better."