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Byrne Sentenced to 18 Months

Court Hears Plea For Leniency by Defence

Peter John Byrne, 31-year-old fisherman of Prince Rupert, today was sentenced to 18 months at hard labor in Oakalla prison. He was convicted last Tuesday night by an Assize Court jury of wounding Mrs. Vera Beynon last February, with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Britain Asks Red China About Captives

LONDON (CP)—Britain has sent a new note to the Chinese Communist government requesting details of British, Canadian and United States subjects held in Chinese prisons, the Foreign Office announced today. The note, latest of many attempts to obtain information about Commonwealth and American subjects imprisoned in China, was handed over last Wednesday by Leo Lamb, British Charge D'Affaires in Peiping. The last note was sent on April 21. Britain is the only one of the countries involved to have a diplomatic representative in Peiping. Britain recognized the Communist government of Mao-Tse-Tung two years ago. China never returned the compliment.

Sentence was pronounced this morning by Mr. Justice Norman W. Whittaker, after city lawyer Doug Hogarth made a brief plea for leniency. Byrne, a fisherman, served in the Royal Canadian Navy for five years during the last war. Mr. Hogarth said Byrne had never caused any trouble before he was involved in a drunken party last February 14 which culminated in this trial. "The whole aspect of the case," said Mr. Hogarth, "was a drunken brawl" in Mrs. Beynon's home. Vera Beynon suffered a knife wound in the back and was in hospital here for 2½ months. The Assize Court jury deliberated seven hours last Tuesday before reaching a verdict. During the trial Byrne admitted drinking "between 20 and 30 beers" before going to the Beynon home where he drank more beer and rum.

PLEA BY DEFENCE
 Mr. Hogarth said his client was well aware of the gravity of the offence but sought the mercy of the court. Mr. Justice Whittaker, after thanking Mr. Hogarth for his remarks told Byrne that the offence of which he was found guilty "is a very serious one" but the fact he had no previous record was in his favor. After pronouncing sentence Byrne was led from the courtroom and will be taken to prison by RCMP. Maximum penalty for the offence is life imprisonment. During the two-day trial, Byrne testified that he "blacked out" after he was struck with a bottle by Mrs. Beynon during an argument at her home. He said he went to her home after drinking in a downtown beer parlor, to pack his bag. On arrival at the home, Kathy White, baby sitter, and two male friends were drinking and invited him to join them. He said he had not intended to remain but they persuaded him and when Mrs. Beynon returned home about 2 a.m. on the morning of Feb. 15 a fracas ensued during which coke and beer bottles were thrown around.

Legislature To Meet Feb. 1 Says Bennett
 DUNCAN (CP)—Premier W. A. C. Bennett said Wednesday night the provincial legislature will meet "on the first of February" and not before. "We will assemble the House on the first of February," he told a Social Credit rally here. "It would be foolish to call a session earlier for representatives to go there and talk about nothing. Supply has been voted until the end of March. There is nothing to call a session for. "When we do call a session we will have our legislation program ready and we will have our budget ready," Bennett promised. His flat statement seemed to scotch rumors that his government would call a general election in the fall.



SWEEPSTAKE WINNER—Mathilda Dupuis, 52-year-old charwoman at Montreal's Notre Dame hospital, looks at the sweepstakes ticket that won her first prize of \$44,000 by Tulyar's victory in the running of the St. Leger at Doncaster, England. A hospital employee for 21 years, Miss Dupuis said: "I guess I will move now."

Zoo on Wheels Enters City—Loaded with Wild Animals

A zoo on wheels arrived here today for a one-week stand. The African Railroad Zoo Train pulled into a siding late this afternoon from New Hazelton. The zoo, being sponsored by the Prince Rupert Shrine Club, consists of wild animals, reptiles and tropical birds in glass cages inside three cars. Nothing will be unloaded. The public will walk through the train to see the zoo. There are no games or concessions inside. The train began its tour of Canada on June 1.

Indian Member Denies He Considered Cabinet Post

No Offer Made 'I am CCF and Intend to Remain So'—Statement
 By The Canadian Press
 VANCOUVER—Frank Calder, CCF member of the Legislature for Atlin, said today he would not consider a Cabinet post in the Social Credit government.

"I am a member of the CCF and intend to remain so," he said in a statement issued at the CCF headquarters office here.

In Victoria, Premier W. A. C. Bennett dismissed the Prince Rupert report by saying: "You hear these rumors here, there, and everywhere."

The Prince Rupert Daily News in newspaper story yesterday said Mr. Calder may be offered a cabinet post by Premier W. A. C. Bennett.

Mr. Calder, first Indian ever elected to a legislature in Canada, said he is enroute to Victoria to discuss problems related to his constituency.

Following is the text of Mr. Calder's statement: "It is with considerable surprise that I heard of a report emanating from the Prince Rupert Daily News to the effect that I was on the way to Victoria to consider accepting a cabinet post in the Social Credit government."

"The report is absolutely false and it would be interesting to know on what basis the Prince Rupert Daily News concocted this story as I was not interviewed by anyone prior to leaving Prince Rupert."

"My business in the Legislature buildings is strictly in connection with problems of the constituency of Atlin."

"I should like to make very clear that I am a member of the CCF and intend to remain so. The CCF has an outstanding record in fighting for native Indian rights and has backed up endeavors by giving me the unanimous nomination in the Atlin riding in both the 1949 and 1952 elections."

"I never would give consideration to deserting the party whose principles support and constituency that has twice done me honor of electing me to the provincial legislature."

Jaycees Study Forming Own 'City Council'

Operations of a mock city council is being studied by the Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The plan was presented to the membership by President Neely Moore at the first meeting of the season of the Jaycees and drew approval from many members. A committee will study its feasibility and whether or not can support be gained from "the real" city council.

Here is the proposal: The Jaycees would appoint eight of its members as aldermen and one as mayor. All pertinent correspondence and issue directed to the city would be given to the Jaycee council meeting.

The Jaycee "council" would meet at the same time as the city council and take its own action on each phase brought before it.

Co-operation of the newspaper would be sought to report the Jaycees "council" meeting, when publishing reports of it and that of the city council meeting on the following day.

"I believe such a project, although entailing much work, would provide an excellent medium of leadership training and would also be of benefit to the community," said Mr. Moore.

"This is not an original idea. This system was carried out by the Jaycees in Calgary last year and they reported great success."

"In certain instances, action taken by the Calgary Jaycee council varied from that of the city council, which later reconsidered their stand to conform with that of the Jaycees."

Report of the committee will be heard at the next meeting of the Jaycees.

President Truman's Publicity Man Dies

WASHINGTON (CP)—Joseph H. Short, President Truman's press secretary, collapsed and died at his home in nearby Alexandria, Virginia, last night. He was 48.

U.S. Accuses Russia Of Slave Labor Camps

WASHINGTON (CP)—The State Department went on record today with a mass of evidence that Russia and her satellites have millions of captives in slave labor camps. The department made public a report rounding up official documents, testimony of refugees and other evidence in support of this conclusion: "The number of slave laborers in the Soviet Union and its satellites runs into millions and represents the most extreme violation of human rights on the face of the earth today." It detailed a summary of evidence prepared for a special fact-finding committee of the United Nations and the International Labor Organization.

Church Declares It Has No Connection With Endicott

HAMILTON (CP)—The United Church of Canada has officially gone on record as having nothing to do with the leftist Canadian Peace Congress chairman, James G. Endicott. The church's general council, highest court of faith, last night unanimously approved a resolution declaring that Dr. Endicott "does not speak for, or in any way officially represent the church." It also stated it has never been in any way associated with the Canadian Peace Congress.

Mosher Quits Post as Rail Union Prexy

OTTAWA (CP)—A. R. Mosher announced today he will not be a candidate for re-election to the presidency of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, focus of a hot battle at the C.B.R.E. convention here this week.

Just 1½ days after winning a major victory on the convention floor, the 72-year-old president jolted delegates with the announcement at the opening of today's sitting.

He said he was quitting the presidency, "not because I am too old or incapable of carrying on, but because I believe it to be in the best interests of the brotherhood, always my sole concern."

He is also president of the 350-member Canadian Congress of Labor, but made no statement on his future in that organization, whose annual convention opens in Toronto on Monday.

Later Mosher told reporters he was quitting because it is in the best interests of C.B.R.E. so that there will be no factions in it.

Vapor Trails Point to Russ Planes

GOOSE BAY, Labrador (CP)—Mysterious whispy vapor trails which may indicate Soviet planes are scouting the region have been seen along the northeastern perimeter of Canada's and United States Arctic defence line.

Reporters who visited this huge air base in the Labrador wilderness asked Col. Charles R. Bond, operations chief of the Northwest Air Command, if his men had seen any tell-tale sky signs like the vapor trails observed several months ago in Alaska at the northwest corner of the Arctic defence system.

"We think from time to time we perhaps have seen them too," he said.

Japanese To Discuss Joint Pulp Milling

WASHINGTON (CP)—The Japanese apparently are stepping up their efforts to tap Alaska's vast forests as a source of pulp.

Three Japanese forestry experts are reported enroute here from Tokyo. They are reported to discuss possibility of setting up a pulp mill in Alaska under control of a joint Japanese-American group.

Officials here said the Japanese have been interested in the Alaska forests because of their own diminishing timber stocks and loss of major supply source to Communists in Manchuria.

Small Logging Firms Face Business Loss

VANCOUVER (CP)—The National Employment Service here on Thursday forecast increased unemployment in the logging industry because many small loggers are going out of business.

In its August report, the Service said many small operators who have found it advantageous to go into business no longer consider they can operate at a profit.

The report said this means that for the next few months many logging camp employees will have to look for other jobs.

POLIO HEADS FOR RECORD YEAR IN U.S.

NEW YORK (CP)—Polio is grimly marching toward the worst year in United States history with the expectation for at least 50,000 cases this year—far above 1949's record of 43,366.

Twenty-one states have epidemic rates—200 or more cases per 100,000 population. Localized outbreaks flare in towns and counties elsewhere.



NOTES—CP War Correspondent Bill Boss, (second from left) veteran war reporter, notes with soldiers of the French Foreign Legion. Pinned to his shirt-pocket flap is a badge of the Legion, of which Boss has been made an honorary member. With him are (left to right) an Italian, a Frenchman and a German. The German is a former pilot, a captain in Hermann Goering's Luftwaffe. (CP PHOTO)

Salmon Derby Opened to Other Species of Fish; Boundaries Extended

Amendments to the Gun Club salmon derby approved by a committee which is expected to be passed in the weekly conference of the fishing clubs removed to include anywhere outside the harbor and inland as far as Telegraph Point, some 45 miles up the Skeena River.

2. In addition to coho and spring salmon, the weekly derbies will be open to entries of trout, dolly varden, black sea bass, cod and steelhead.

There will be one merchandise prize each week for the heaviest fish entered in each additional category. More than 60 prizes have been donated by city merchants, ranging in value from \$5 to \$50 and all of them will be used as prizes for the special entry fish. "I think this should greatly add to the attraction of our derby," said Jim Bacon, president of the Rod & Gun Club. "It will give everyone a chance to enter."

"We realize that a big problem—in fact the major problem—in getting a derby going here is lack of boats to rent. There are many anglers who would like to get out salmon fishing but they have no boats, nor can they rent them."

"And there just aren't enough fishermen to go around who will lend out their boats." The salmon derby, however, will still be operated on the original rules. Prizes will be in cash, collected from the sale of tickets.

All rules pertaining to sporting tackle and weighing-in will apply to every category of fish entered.

"Even the kids fishing from the wharf stand a good chance of getting a valuable prize," said Mr. Bacon. "It is our intention to see from this derby what we really have got in our waters."

Meanwhile, the Junior Chamber of Commerce has endorsed support of the Salmon Derby and a committee has been appointed to assist in its promotion.

"The way we stand today, there is little if anything that attracts a tourist to Prince Rupert, except as a stopover place. "But if we find we have good sport fishing in our salt water approaches, there will be a great attraction for tourists," said a member, supporting the motion that the Jaycees endorse the derby.

Man Freed On Promise To Repay

Joseph Cassidy, 66-year-old laborer from Lower Post, pleaded guilty in Assize Court here yesterday to two charges of forgery but undertook to repay the money and was freed.

Passing of sentence was suspended for one year by Mr. Justice Norman Whittaker after he ordered Cassidy to post a bond of \$500 and keep the peace for a year.

Thomas W. Brown, QC, who appeared for Cassidy, told court his client had lived in remote and lonely places of the north for many years and was never in any trouble before.

"Although my client knew he was doing something irregular, he has undertaken to repay the money. He has more than learned his lesson."

Crown Prosecutor Gilbert Hogg said he was in accord with Mr. Brown's wish to sustain passing of sentence and Mr. Justice Whittaker acceded.

The case followed completion of all criminal cases at this Assize.

Cassidy admitted cashing two government cheques totalling \$317.80 after forging the signatures.

Men To Organize Charity

Striking fishermen today will work for one day—to help the Fishermen and Sailors' Union (TCL) said a strike committee is working for the day proceeds of which will