

Truce Talks Resumed—Get Nowhere

Ready For Convention

Associated Boards Delegates
Wanted to Get Reservations
in Soon

Delegates to the annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia, to be held in Prince Rupert September 5, 6 and 7, are being warned to get reservations in early so that accommodation may be secured. The convention committee has been assigned rooms at several local hotels but the local boards have been slow in getting advice of their delegates and the committee is now endeavoring to speed them up.

Last night Convention Chairman W. F. Stone reported to the executive council meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce that arrangements will be in hand.

The program has been tentatively arranged as follows:
September 5—3-8 p.m.: registration, 7 p.m. resolutions committee.
September 6—10-12 a.m. business session; 2-3 p.m. business session; 3 p.m. entertainment.
September 7—2-3 p.m. tour to the Cellulose plant; 6-6:45 p.m. president's dinner and entertainment.
Committee chairmen have announced as follows:
Registration, P. H. Linzey.
Entertainment, G. A. Macdonald.
Finance, George Mitchell.
Publicity, Dr. L. M. Greene.
Entertainment, Mrs. N. J. Scott.
Dinner, T. M. Christie.
Social sessions will be held at the Civic Centre.

BC Means "Boom Country"—North is Playing Big Part

B. C. stands for more than British Columbia. Today, it means boom country. So says an article from the Associated Press which is appearing in United States newspapers.

Along the far-north coast, where the Coast Range tumbles the rivers steeply into fjord and sea, on Vancouver Island's timberland-clothed slopes, in the deep interior where the Rockies tower above the ugly smelters, in the Okanagan where the hot sun is ripening the fruit, along the banks of the swift Fraser, plunging like a sword through the Cariboo rangeland, in the quiet, green pastures of the lower Fraser Valley, men are dreaming of a new empire.

Since the war, it has struck British Columbians that they have within their borders the stuff for a mighty industrial upheaval.

Provided, as author Bruce Hutchinson told University of British Columbia graduates recently, they do not desecrate the land.

"We ask you," he said, to preserve this land—to preserve it from the ravenous prodigality which already has gutted a large part of the American continent, consumed its forests, fouled its waters and swept its precious cargo of life itself, the top soil, down to the sea."

Just 102 years ago, B. C. was made a crown colony. It was less than 50 years since Simon Fraser had made his fantastic and courageous voyage down the river which now bears his name.

In 1851, there were only 49,459 persons in B. C., 25,000 of them Indians. By 1940 there were 805,000. In the last 10 years the population has increased by nearly 43 per cent to its present 1,150,000.

In 1940, the gross value of manufacturing was \$311,000,000. Today it is around \$1,100,000,000.

Production in the four basic industries—forestry, mining, agriculture and fishing—showed an increase last year of some \$40,000,000 over the previous year. Forestry topped \$400,000,000.

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Halibut Boat Sinks in North

The halibut fishing vessel Neptune, operating in Alaskan waters, recently sank in 75 fathoms in Clarence Strait. There was no loss of life and the four survivors were taken to Ketchikan.

Among those on board at time of the accident was the owner-master, W. E. Muller, and, according to his story, the Neptune struck a fish trap and tore a hole in the hull. This happened at Niblak Point. The survivors were taken off by the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Sweetbriar. Nothing is known as to salvaging.

Communists Sit in Silence—Pyongyang Is Attacked by Air

KAESONG.—The cease-fire talks between the United Nations and the Communists have been resumed but, so far, without any sign of a break in the deadlock over the buffer zone. The 20th meeting last night lasted for four hours but accomplished nothing. Towards the end, the Communists just sat in silence.

The 21st meeting is about to get under way.

Admiral Turner C. Joy, at the opening of last night's session, announced that he had been instructed to resume talks.

PYONGYANG ATTACKED

There was a vigorous air attack today on the North Korean capital of Pyongyang. Anti-aircraft gun position were the objectives.

Aerial reconnaissance indicates sizeable movements behind the Communist lines, more than 1400 vehicles being counted.

Yanks And Tribe Tie

Washington Senator Fielder Leese and New York Wins

NEW YORK (CP)—Two dropped fly balls by Gil Coan of Washington let New York Yankees move into an exact first place tie with the idle Cleveland Indians Thursday in the American League race.

Julie Moreno's five-hit effort against the Yanks was ruined by Coan's two errors as New York won the 6-4 game.

New York and Cleveland now have identical records:

W	L	Pct.
66	39	.629

Boston is four and a half games back and Chicago seven games out.

Harvesting Starting

WINNIPEG — Warm weather continued in the three western provinces during the past week. Good rains occurred in many districts, including southern Manitoba where they were most urgently needed, according to the weekly crop report of the department of agriculture of the Canadian National Railways.

Crops show further deterioration in southern Saskatchewan and considerable hail damage continued in several districts of Alberta.

A few reports of early threshing are noted in southern Manitoba but harvesting will not be general for another week or ten days, while in northern Saskatchewan and much of Alberta harvesting is still two to three weeks away.

Weather was hot and dry in the Okanagan Valley where the movement of apricots has finished. Peaches and pears are beginning to move this weekend and other crops are moving rapidly.

Oil Slick New Clue

Yakutat Island Bay Is Being Drugged By Coast Guard

YAKUTAT—The United States Coast Guard is dragging the bottom of a Yakutat Island bay after the finding of a small oil slick.

It may turn out to be a clue to the missing Canadian Pacific Air Lines Korea airlift DC4, missing for nearly three weeks, or a smaller aircraft with a scientist and his wife and daughter on board.

Split Halibut Season Yield

Will Not Exceed 4,500,000 Pounds, Commission Says

The yield of halibut from the two areas—one in the south of Hecate Straits and the other off the southeastern Alaska coast, between Cape Spencer and Dixon Entrance—during the recent "split season" will not exceed 4,500,000 pounds, it was estimated yesterday by Norman L. Freeman of the International Fisheries Commission.

With fifteen American boats and fourteen Canadian still to report their catches, a total of 3,265,000 pounds had been accounted for up to yesterday. Mr. Freeman announced. Of this 2,409,000 had been taken from Area 2B (Hecate Straits) and 856,000 pounds from Area 2C (Southeastern Alaska).

The Prince Rupert portion of the "split season" catch had been 835,000 pounds—116,000 pounds from American vessels and 722,000 pounds from Canadian.

Ottawa Girl's Body to South

Body of Miss Constance McKean, 26-year-old federal government employee at Ottawa, who was lost overboard from the steamer Prince George as the coastal liner steamed towards Ketchikan Friday morning of last week, was here aboard the Prince Rupert last night on the way to Vancouver. Deceased's father has come out from Hagersville, Ontario, and will accompany the remains back there for interment.

The body was recovered from the water off Cape Caamano the same morning by trap watchmen after it had been sighted by Pete Cressnum, Webber Air Service pilot, and his passenger, Cecil Wheat.

The water was too rough for a landing so the plane circled to a nearby trap, attracted the attention of the watchmen and signalled them to take out their skiff and follow the plane.

The watchmen recovered the body. The trap patrol boat Swiftsure came along, was notified of the find and radioed in to the Coast Guard. The body of the girl, garbed only in her pajamas, was taken by the Swiftsure to Ketchikan.

Chamber Impatient Over Housing; Mass Pressure is Planned

Executive council of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce feels that this city is being given the "run-around" in the matter of housing and resolved at a meeting last night to find out where the trouble lies. It is proposing to the city that a meeting of representatives of interested bodies be called at an early date with a view to "bombarding" the authorities concerned.

President J. C. Gilker summed it up: "Here we have a situation so critical that industries cannot keep the personnel they need because no proper housing is available. Nothing is being done. Other places have received assistance and I think we should. The time has come to take the bull by the horns—find out once and for all what is going to be done—and when. We should bombard the government from top to bottom. They have let us down."

W. F. Stone added: "Government officials have admitted the need is great. Nothing is being done. Why?" He felt that the city had been alive to the situation and he was wondering what more it could have done.

Secretary P. H. Linzey observed that there were dozens of places in Canada just as bad off as Prince Rupert. What was done here would have to be done elsewhere.

E. T. Applewhite, MP, had no objection to the strongest of representations being made but agreed that there were demands from all parts of the country which, if met, would run into millions of dollars. He did not think the government knew itself what it was going to do.

Dr. L. M. Greene still saw some hope of private enterprise doing something to meet the situation. He pointed to

Deciding Soon On More Trains

Canadian National Railways have been carefully watching the increasing traffic on the Jasper-Prince Rupert line and within the next week or ten days a decision is expected to be made on the matter of increasing the passenger train service.

Such is the answer which the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce has received from J. B. McMillan, vice-president in charge of western lines at Winnipeg, who was communicated with in regard to the advisability of increasing from three to six trains a week in either direction.

Bulkley Valley Electric Storm

An electric storm which produced some of the most spectacular lightning flashes ever seen in central B.C. is blamed for communication disruptions last night which lasted until 10 a.m. today.

Telephone, telegraph and radio network lines were cut off for more than 12 hours.

Reports of the storm, which centered between Hazelton and Burns Lake, were received from telegraph offices there.

Smartening up For Princess

VICTORIA — Mrs. Clarence Wallace, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, is personally directing large scale housecleaning and renovation at Government House in anticipation of the visit of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. It will take several weeks.

The gardens and lawns are also being specially groomed. Special borders of fall flowers are being arranged.

Cleared of Red Charge

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian government has exonerated E. H. Norman, its acting chief delegate at the United Nations, of any Communist connection.

Investigation into allegations concerning Mr. Norman's loyalty had been completed before it was reported from Washington today that a witness before the House of Representatives un-American committee in Washington has named him as a member of a Communist party student group in 1939.

According to a committee witness, Mr. Norman was named as a man who belonged to a "Communist party student group at Cape Cod in 1939."

The informant told the Canadian Press it has been established that Mr. Norman never was at Cape Cod, Massachusetts, in his life.

George Pulp Mill

PRINCE GEORGE—A \$12,000,000 pulp mill is in the offering for George. Westminster Co., manufacturers of pulp products is said to be back to present the concern obtains from Powell River.

Hold-up by Mental Case

VICTORIA (CP)—A 60-year-old man, termed by police to be a mental case, tried to force a bank teller here Thursday to cash a \$15,000 check made out to "The King of Kings."

The man, armed with an air rifle, presented the check to teller Marie Beale in the main branch of the Royal Bank of Canada and demanded payment in \$10 and \$1 bills.

When the girl stalled, the man fired the gun and a pellet knocked some paint off a sign placed a few inches from the bars of the cage.

A short time after he left the bank and was arrested. His name is not disclosed.

W. D. Chapple and Mr. and Mrs. McInnis were passengers on the Princess Louise arriving at Prince Rupert this morning.

Fraser River Derby Out

NEW WESTMINSTER — The annual Rotary Club Fraser River Barrel Derby is not being held this year. It has been ruled out by Attorney-General Gordon Wismar who said he would not allow any illegal undertaking of the kind.

Prairies Get First Frost

EDMONTON.—Frost is hitting the prairies. A little frost in this area during the night did no damage to crops. Medicine Hat had 37 above and Biggar, Saskatchewan, 34.

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THIRD AVENUE PRINCE RUPERT

the example of the local syndicate which had taken over the former U. S. Army administration building for conversion into an apartment building. Local citizens who had put up money were now getting it back. Such money might be available for another housing project which Dr. Green brought before the meeting — Victoria interests which had a scheme to build 15 duplex house units here for rental at \$50 per month. It was suggested that the sum of \$100,000 be raised to finance the project.

The meeting wanted to know who was authority for the limit of 12 houses per year in Prince Rupert under National Housing. E. T. Applewhite undertook to try and find out.

As for house building projects in Prince Rupert, President J. C. Gilker thought that the plan of building houses here and there on empty lots around the city was wrong. A block building scheme, he felt, would be more efficacious.

W. F. Stone promised to try and get a general meeting on the matter of housing with a view to bringing mass pressure on the authorities. This appeared, according to Mr. Gilker, to be about the only hope of getting anything done.

Union steamer Coquitlam, Capt. William McCombe, is due in port at 4 o'clock this afternoon from Vancouver and way-points and will sail for south Queen Charlotte Island points at 9 p.m. She is due back here Sunday afternoon to sail south at 8 p.m.



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