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NCE RUPERT WINS T CONVENTION OF TRAL B.C. BOARDS

McAdams Elected President—theastern Alaska Admitted to Affi-e Membership—Highway Resolutions

orge McAdams, young Terrace merchant, was president of the Associated Boards of Trade tral British Columbia Friday afte oon when nual convention held there durin east two ame to a close with the selecti e Ru- s the 1947 convention place. Dr. L. M. Greene o o- president for choice of Smithers vention venue. Dunca Terrace was re-elected se treasurer.

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Provincial Government

Closing feature of the convention was an address by E. T. Applewhaite of Prince Rupert who advanced the proposal for a new transcontinental railway route from Churchill on Hudson Bay through Winnipeg, the prairie lines, the Peace River district and Hazelton to Prince Rupert. Mr. Applewhaite pictured a new Imperial communication route from Liverpool to Hong Kong which would cut the distance via Montreal and Vancouver, which is 11,737 miles, to 10,061 miles.

Opening up of the line proposed by Mr. Applewhaite would involve the construction of but three links between existing railway lines and would cost only $18,000,000, he said. Its benefits would be immeasurable, particularly to the port of Prince Rupert and Peace River as a national project for the further development and opening up of Canada's great northern natural resources.

"The sole need of the Peace River country to make it one of the greatest and most prosperous agricultural areas in the world is adequate transportation at reasonable cost such as can best be provided through the port of Prince Rupert," said Mr. Applewhaite, who declared it was a moral obligation to the people of the Peace River to open up their country with a Pacific outlet.

The three gaps needed to create a new railway from Churchill to Prince Rupert were Meadow Lake to Lac le Biche Boyle to to Smith on the prairies and Hines Creek to Hazelton on the west—a total distance in gaps of 525 miles.

Entrenched interests of Montreal and Vancouver, together with the existing railway companies, opposed such a line and shipping route because they were afraid it would divert traffic from existing routes. "But why should their objections be sustained when such great benefits as the opening of a vastly rich stretch of territory and a new route between the United Kingdom and the Orient are to be obtained at such little cost?" asked the speaker.

H. G. Perry of Prince George spoke of the campaign which was nearing fruition to extend the Pacific Great Eastern Railway through Prince George into the Peace River. He warned against advocating too many projects and getting headway with none.

The convention, at the suggestion of Retiring President J. T. Harvey, took no action at this time in regard to Peace River outlet routes.

Delegates started dispersing to their various homes from Alaska on the west to McBride on the east following a closing banquet tonight.

An international atmosphere was injected into the actual business of the convention yesterday morning when five resolutions, proposed by honorary delegates from Ketchikan, Junea and Haines, Alaska, and sponsored by the Associated Boards executive, were put through. These resolutions proposed:

First—The pointing out to the Canadian Department of Transport the importance of maintaining war-established airports through central British Columbia as a link between Alaska and the United States both as a military preparedness measure and for the encouragement of commercial and private air traffic.

Second—The offering by the Canadian and British Columbia governments to the United States government of a permit for a reasonable length of time to improve and maintain the portion of the Haines Highway which traverses 274 miles through southwestern Yukon territory and 43 miles of northwestern British Columbia. One of the recitals in this resolution asserted that the United States government was interested in the improvement of this section of road but was unwilling to do so without a proper permit from the Canadian government.

William Baker, Ketchikan newspaper editor, told the convention that it was intended to ask the territorial legislature of Alaska at its next session to undertake the institution of a ferry service between Prince Rupert and Haines, Alaska, as an integral link to connect the Prince Rupert Highway to the Haines cut-off to the Alaska Highway, offering an alternative route to the existing Alaska Highway which it was felt would be a great attraction for automotive tourist travel.

Another outstanding resolution passed by the convention yesterday was one asking for the institution of a complete geological survey of the Groundhog coal field in the headwaters of

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Sounds Warning to and Other Countries—Stop Ships

—Great Britain Russia, Roumania, and other European to halt the exodus to Palestine "at the as the Admiralty ports of naval con- in the Mediter-

Coalitative government said today that Britain warn the world next ships of any country of carrying illegal immigrants from may be intercepted, and arrested by the ory. The warning will an official cabinet on Palestine policy outline Jewish plans a European clamp- illegal Jewish immi-

E SHIPS FAX

Thousand Persons rive From Overseas Few Days

—Nearly 6,000 per- arrive from overseas on ean liners which will alifax in the next four Canadian National reported here today. ships, the Queen Mary, rrow, the Letitia, Mon- the Aquitania, Thurs- carry 3,811 dependents, anadian soldiers, 183 personnel and 585 mis- passengers, including umber of civilians, Brit- emen and Canadian isters.

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twenty special operated out of C.N.R. lines to movement. The seven trains will en Mary, two will the arrival of the elve will be wait- e for the coming ia.

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GYRO PORT QUEEN CANDIDATE—Miss Chrissie Montgomery who the Prince Rupert Gyro Club is supporting for royal honors at the Port Day festival, August 22. Born in Prince Rupert 19 years ago, Chrissie is employed as a stenographer for Northern B.C. Power Co. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Montgomery, and is a graduate of Borden Street elementary and Booth Memorial high schools. She swims, plays tennis, and is secretary of Job's Daughters organization.

ANOTHER SCENE AT PEACE PARLEY

CHINESE PEACE IS IMPOSSIBLE

NANKING (AP)—Peaceful settlement of China's spreading civil war appears impossible, General George Marshal, American special envoy, and Ambassador John L. Stuart, declared today in a frankly pessimistic statement.

They said that every possibility had been explored toward ending the conflict and developing a democratic form of government in China.

BUY YUKON DREDGE MINES

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Vancouver Province says that a Vancouver mining group has purchased the Yukon Gold Dredging holdings of the Sunshine Mining Co. in a deal involving more than a million dollars. W. B. Milner heads the group.

GOV'T BACKS 10-CENT WAGE INCREASES

OTTAWA (CP)—The government reiterated today—with new emphasis—its position backing the limitation of general wage increases of approximately 10 cents an hour. Labor Minister Humphrey Mitchell backed the contention of Prices Board chairman Donald Gordon that increases beyond 10 cents seriously endanger price control.

Bulletins

EXAMINING BOOKS

HAMILTON— The books of the Steel Company of Canada have been examined by Wartime Prices and Trade Board auditors following a complaint by a company clerk that the president of the company did not furnish proper figures to the government. A preliminary report says that the charge is "not well founded."

BRITAIN CHARGED

MOSCOW—A Moscow commentator charged today that Great Britain was trying, through the Iranian-Rumanian Oil Co., to dominate the oil of Iran. Imaginary dangers were being trumped up to excuse the sending of troops to Basra.

PANIC, HUNGER FOLLOWS QUAKE

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic (CP)—Panic spread through the northern provinces of this country today with hunger threatening the weary population as a result of the six-day ordeal of earthquakes and tidal waves which have killed 73 people and left 20,000 homeless. Not a single inhabitant remains in the five shattered coastal towns where there was swift evacuation following the shocks.

Molotov Takes Another Walk

PARIS (AP)—Foreign Minister Molotov stalked out of the Paris peace conference session today as Premier Tsaldaris of Greece mentioned the Russian diplomat by name during the heat of a debate on the question as to whether or not to invite Albania to the conference. Molotov remained away throughout the Tsaldaris address.

WILL PROTEST APPOINTMENT OF TIMBER HEAD

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Sun newspaper said that it has learned that Reconstruction Minister C. D. Howe intends to appoint Brigadier T. F. Flahiff, an eastern Canadian, as federal Timber Controller, succeeding Controller Rosenberry.

The newspaper says that many B.C. lumbermen are prepared to protest the appointment. Lumbermen believe that the position should be abolished if sufficient lumber can be produced, or, if it is to be continued, it should go to a B.C. man.

REDS VIOLATE CONTROL PACT

VIENNA (AP) — A Soviet about-face on the nationalization of industry threatened today to dismember Austria as the Russians bluntly reserved the right to invalidate four-powered control by following a separate set of rules for their own occupation zone. The Russians probably will be charged in the Allied Control council with violating the allied control agreement.

LOCAL YOUTH DROWNED AT PORT ALBERNI

PORT ALBERNI (CP)—Kenneth Olsen, age 16, whose mother and stepfather reside in Prince Rupert, was drowned yesterday while swimming in the Somas River near here. The body was recovered and an inquest will be held.

LABOR PROTESTS INCREASE CURB

VANCOUVER (CP)—Reperesentatives of A.F.L. and C.I.O. labor unions conferred with the Regional War Labor Board Friday to protest the new order allowing only 10-cent hourly pay increases until the findings of the Parliamentary Industrial Relations committee are made known.

Union leaders termed as "pitifully inadequate" the board's explanation. The unions also protested the federal wages policy.

Harold Pritchett, head of the International Woodworkers, said that the resignation of Labor Minister Mitchell will likely be asked for at the annual convention of the B.C. Federation of Labor which opens here today.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR TERM IS ENDED

VICTORIA (CP)—The five-year term of Lieutenant Governor W. C. Woodward officially ended today but he will continue at his post until his successor is appointed. Speculation in official circles at Ottawa indicates that Charles Arthur Banks will succeed Mr. Woodward. The new appointment will not be made until Prime Minister Mackenzie King returns from Paris.

NEW PASSPORT FRAUD FOUND

OTTAWA (CP) — The Evening Citizen said today that an investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has been begun into the issuance of passports to hockey players to cross the Canadian-American border during the war.

Now in full motion, the investigation is a new phase of the spy probe.

It is reported that agents, presumably Russians, made use of the passports issued to hockey players or managers were involved in the fraud.

VICTORIA GIRL BEST ACTRESS

Miss Bessie Tang Receives International Award

VICTORIA (CP) — Miss Bessie Tang of Victoria, who played Koong-See in the Golden Rragon Theatre Guild's presentation of "Romance of Willow Pattern," received the best actress award in the International Drama Festival here.

Kenneth Root of Portland, Oregon, was awarded the honor of the best amateur actor

Charles Edkins of Quesnel Littel Theatre was given special mention for noteworthy performance.

Clear Out Churchill

Two Million Bushels of Grain Being Loaded in Six Ships From Bay Port

CHURCHILL, Man (CP) — The steamer Mount Revelstoke Park has arrived here to load grain and lumber for Europe. There are two million bushels of wheat in the elevator here and five other vessels are coming here before the middle of next month to load it out.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

Weather continues in the same pattern with clear warm weather except for cloudy to overcast skies with showers over the Bulkley Valley, northern B.C. and Queen Charlotte regions, temperatures during the past 24 hours over the southern interior were ten degrees above the seasonal average. Lytton was high for the province reporting 95 degrees. Little change in weather for the week-end is expected.

Forecast

Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast — Northeast coast of Vancouver Island and adjacent mainland: cloudy, clearing by noon today. Overcast early Sunday clearing gradaully after noon. Light wind. Charlottes and northern mainland: overcast today and Sunday with some local clearing afternoons both days. Northwest winds ten miles per hour. Minimum temperature tonight: Port Hardy 50, Massett 50, Prince Rupert; maximum Sunday: Port Hardy 65, Massett 61, Prince Rupert 62.

Geysers art found only in the United States, Iceland and New Zealand.

Tear Gas Was Used On Crowd

Demonstration at Textile Plant in Montreal

VALLEYFIELD, Quebec (CP) — Police used tear gas on a crowd of 1,000 persons at the entrance of the strikebound mill of the Montreal Cottons Ltd. where workers have been on strike seventy days. Stones and pieces of cement were thrown by the crowd. Several windows in the plant were broken.

The demonstration lasted thirty minutes following a meeting sponsored by the United Textile Workers' Union.

C.C.F. SOLID FOR EMPIRE

REGINA (CP) — M. J. Coldwell was re-elected national president of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation at the ninth annual convention here. He has held the post since 1942.

Co-operation within the British Commonwealth of Nations in support of the United Nations was the keynote of a foreign policy program which was endorsed.

Central British Columbia Will Be Centre of B.C. Timber Industry Soon

Fondest Expectations of This Part of Country Soon to Be Realized, Avers Hon. E. T. Kenney—Alaskan Predicts Big Business With Territory

TERRACE—"We have come to the time when the great expectations which brought people to this part of the country originally will soon be realized," speculated Hon. E. T. Kenney, minister of lands and forests, when he spoke as representative of Peremier John Hart and the government of British Columbia at the annual banquet of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia last night in this town which is Mr. Kenney's own home.

With no more than thirty years' supply of Douglas fir remaining in the southern part of the province, the area of central British Columbia now held the major supply of British Columbia's timber, declared the minister. In future much of the timber would find its use in pulp, paper and such products. In central British Columbia were three of the best pulp sites—one in the lower Skeena, one in the Prince George area and a third in the vicinity of Quesnel. With ready rail and water transportation the site on the lower Skeena—backed with its fifty billion feet of pulp timber—was undoubtedly one of the best on the continent. With the depletion of Douglas fir, no longer was the hemlock and balsam of this area to be despised. The next approach to fir was hemlock and already there had been instance of where hemlock lumber had sold for $250 a thousand.

"It will no longer be necessary for us to give concessions to pulp mills to come here and locate," asserted Mr. Kenney. "They will be only too glad to come of their own initiative." Gone were the days of wastage of timber because there was no use for a large proportion of it.

The forests of central British Columbia would be the salvation of the timber industry of British Columbia in days to come, asserted Mr. Kenney, and would be the basis of industries providing employment for many thousands of people.

Candidly Critical of Canadian National

Mr. Kenney, candidly critical of the policy of the Canadian National Railways in the development of central British Columbia, suggested that President R. C. Vaughan, for all his protestations of sympathy, was not responsible for the setting of policy. It should be found out who really set the policy. The northern line of the Canadian National Railways had not been designed as a spur line but as a mail transcontinental railway. Service 25 years ago was actually better than it was today. When a business man found his trade falling off he did not close up his store, as the Canadian National was reducing its trains, but went out and tried to build up business. Mr. Vaughan spoke of "sympathetic" support. What was needed was "practical" support.

Mr. Kenney spoke of the state of Canadian National boat service on the coast. As for shipbuilding at the Prince Rupert dry dock, that yard had proven that it could build good ships. Even if it cost 25 percent more to build ships at the Prince Rupert yard, it might be good business fo rthe railway company to use its own property for the purpose.

Mr. Kenney spoke of the interpendendability of the interior district, the port of Prince Rupert and the Canadian National Railways.

The minister also referred to the elevator at Prince Rupert and expressed belief that it was logical to do business with the Orient through Prince Rupert which was 500 miles closer than any other Pacific port.

Alaska Is Heard From

W. C. Stump, Ketchikan attorney and one of the goodwill delegation from Alaska, told how he had been impressed with this great hinterland. He had never believed there could be anything like it.

"Why do you keep secret such a virgin country as this with its magnificent scenery, its great hunting and all its attractions?" he asked. "I, for one, never knew anything about it but now, after being here, I shall bring my family and my car and spend my next vacation."

As for trade, Mr. Stump felt that this area of central British Columbia might well supply all the needs of southeast Alaska in produce. Already, steps were being taken to establish a steamship line from Prince Rupert to southeastern Alaska for this very purpose.

Mr. Stump closed with a high note of appreciation for the hospitality of Terrace. "Terrace is the littlest city with the biggest heart I have ever seen," he asserted.

It was a great spread that the ladies of Terrace put on at the banquet in the Orange Hall which was crowded to capacity with a crowd of probably some two hundred persons, the townsfolk of Terrace mingling happily with their 60 or so guests. Spotless tables were gay with midsummer Terrace blooms of rare quality.

J. H. Smith, chairman of the Terrace Board of Trade, was chairman. George McAdams, president-elect, and J. T. Harvey, retiring president of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia, spoke briefly. There were violin and piano duets by Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Grainger.

After the dinner, the people from the banquet, joined by many of the younger folk of the community, joined in a big closing ball in the enormous Army drill hall.

Six Persons Killed at Air Show as Planes Collide

GREAT FALLS, Montana (CP)—Four members of the crew of two United States Army planes and at least two civilians were killed Friday in a plane collision before thousands of persons witnessing an air show at the North Montana fair. One of the planes caught fire and plumetted into a horse barn and another crashed a mile from the Fair Grounds. The civilians died in the burning barn.

Eight autos parked near the barn were destroyed and twenty racehorses perished.

The wing on one of the planes evidently sheared off the tail of the other as the machines roared low over a packed grandstand.

British Columbia Has Most Divorces

VICTORIA (CP) — The British Columbia divorce rate is reported to be the highest in Canada today with an increase of fifty-three percent in the first six months of 1946. June set an all time high of 245 divorces and for the six-month period of the year there were 1,105 divorces compared with 722 a year ago.

SOYBEAN SOLES

Shoe soles made of soybeans have been invented.