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Ship Broke In Two-Hundreds Aboard

COUNCIL OPENS DOOR FOR PULP MILL BY FAVORING LONG TERM FRANCHISE FOR POWER COMPANY

Clearing the way for a major industry to establish in Prince Rupert, city council last night endorsed a resolution committing itself to give "favorable consideration to any request by the Northern B.C. Power Co. to extend its existing franchise providing such a request is accompanied by a guarantee to establish a pulp mill in Prince Rupert."

The resolution, presented to council by the Industrial Relations Committee, received the unanimous backing of the aldermen when a motion of its acceptance was put by Alderman McKay.

Originated 10 days ago at a meeting of the Industrial Relations Committee, which was attended by J. Little, vice-president of the Northern B.C. Power Co., and according to Alderman Ham "it is clear that unless the franchise is granted there will be no pulp mill."

The present franchise under which the power company is operating expires at the end of the year and Mr. Little made it clear that he represents would not consider making a major investment such as a pulp mill unless a long term franchise for electric power were granted.

However, although there has not been no request for an extension of the present franchise, the aldermen were unanimous in leaving the door open for such a request by resolving that it would be considered favorably if accompanied by a guarantee to construct a pulp mill.

MINE WORKERS' STRIKE VOTE

City-wide Poll to Be Taken Back Up Wage Increase and Other Demands

VANCOUVER — Harvey McKay, organizer for the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, announced yesterday that a recommendation that a Canada-wide strike vote be taken has been submitted to the national council of the Canadian Congress of Labor which meets in Ottawa February 13. He said that it is recommended that a vote be taken to back up demands for a straight 25 percent an hour wage increase, 40-hour week and union security.

Seeking Coal Bunkers Here

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, at last night's regular meeting, passed a resolution asking the federal government, in co-operation with the Canadian National Railways, to take steps as are necessary to provide terminal and export facilities for the handling of coal at Prince Rupert established immediately as a worthy project leading to the promotion of industrial development of export trade.

The resolution came as a result of the Bulkley Valley Coalfields at Telkwa having had to refuse an order for the shipment of 3,000 tons of coal on an experimental basis for export because of the lack of storage and loading facilities at Prince Rupert.

The resolution sets forth large quantities of coal in the Telkwa district and elsewhere in the interior which could never have been established at Prince Rupert. The cost of the bunkers here, it is estimated, would be \$100,000.

Approval was given to resolutions from Smithers Board of Trade and other interior chambers which have been pressing for bunkers at Prince Rupert.

Fined \$500 For Possessing False Registration Card

VANCOUVER — Steve Kuka, 27-year-old logger, was fined \$500, or a year in jail, when convicted of having in his possession a registration card not his own.

Vancouver Safe Crackers Foiled

VANCOUVER — An alert telephone operator may have foiled three safe crackers in the Oak Theatre here during the night. A telephone receiver was knocked off the hook and the operator notified the police. When the police arrived, the safe crackers were gone but they had not reached \$500 in the safe. Three American sailors are being held at Blaine.

GERMANS TO LEAVE SOON

First Batch of Prisoners of War to Be Sent from Canada February 11

OTTAWA — It is learned that the first batch of German prisoners of war in Canada who are returning overseas will sail from Halifax aboard the liner Mauritanian on February 14. Following the February 14 sailing, shipments of prisoners are expected to flow overseas at fairly regular intervals. About 3000 will leave on each sailing.

WOULD TAX GOVT BUILDINGS USED FOR BUSINESS

Should provincial government property used for business purposes remain free of municipal taxes? This is one of the matters that a special committee of city council, charged with preparing a brief for the Union of B.C. Municipalities, will look into.

Alderman Robert McKay raised the question at last night's Council meeting during discussion of a letter from U.B.C.M. which asked that its members prepare briefs on municipal matters which the U.B.C.M. executive can consider for presentation to the government later this month.

The letter also asked council to give serious attention to the Cameron educational report and return comment on the document to the U.B.C.M. for the same purpose.

Appointed to the special committee were Alderman Ham, Johnston and Hills, who, in regard to the Cameron report, will seek the co-operation of School Board secretary Mrs. M. Roper.

In pointing out the "injustice" of provincial government buildings being operated as businesses while enjoying tax-free status, Alderman McKay cited the "government liquor store."

"I have no objection to buildings in which government affairs are carried on being tax-free but, when they are operated as business, I think they should be taxed," he asserted.

The matter was referred to the special committee.

Commenting on the portion of the Cameron report which recommended equalization of property throughout the province, Alderman Youngs said he saw danger of it raising local assessment rates.

"If we were to give preferred assessments as an inducement for industry to establish itself here we might find our agreement upset by the equalization agency," he said.

Alderman Hills, commenting on the portion of the report which recommended the reduction on municipal school taxes said that he estimated that it probably reduces the present school tax by seven mills.

"And that's no small amount," he declared.

PROTESTS ARE REFERRED TO POLICE DEPT

City Council last night was faced with two petitions by irate citizens asking redress from alleged shortcomings of others and the aldermen immediately referred them to the police department.

"Why do people send these petitions to us when the police department is the proper place for them?" Alderman McKay snorted.

The first petition, signed by a group of Westview citizens, complained of "untidiness, rowdiness and handling of bottles at night" by a family on Allin Ave.

The second petition, heavy with the ink of scores of signatures, both white and Chinese, protested at the "cancellation of tenancy" of Happy Wong from premises on Third Ave. W. and turning the premises into other uses. City Clerk Thain pointed out that the city had nothing to do with tenancy of private property. If there was anything objectionable the proper place to make a complaint would be the police department. Happy Wong formerly carried on a produce business at the address mentioned.

APOLOGY IS REQUESTED

VANCOUVER — Canadian Legion officials announced yesterday that the Legion's lower mainland council had passed a resolution asking Hon. Ian Mackenzie, minister of veterans' affairs, to apologize to Robert Macneil of Vancouver, executive secretary of the Legion's British Columbia Command, for remarks made at a recent meeting here in connection with converting the old Hotel Vancouver into a hostel for veterans.

BIG BLAST GOES OFF

Minimum of Disturbances in Turner Valley Oil Field

TURNER VALLEY — The largest charge of nitroglycerine ever exploded at one time turned out to be un spectacular. The blast took place at 1:35 p.m. yesterday in a 6900-foot oil well at Turner Valley and only a slight tremor was felt by people standing 110 yards from the well.

It is hoped that the explosion cracked a rock formation which will release millions of tons of oil believed to be trapped at the foot of the well.

Those on Board ss. Yukon Are in Perilous Position

WESTCHESTER U.N.O. HOME

LONDON — The thirteen-member United Nations interim committee today approved a recommendation to put the organization's permanent home in Stamford-Greenwich - Westchester area of Connecticut and New York. Australia protested, still urging San Francisco for the site.

STRIKE WOULD BE CITY-WIDE

Big Sympathy Walk-out Planned for Next Monday in New York

NEW YORK — A city-wide two-hour work stoppage will be called next Monday at 4 a.m. by the Greater New York C.I.O. council in support of striking members of the C.I.O. American Communications Association. This is the group on strike against Western Union in the New York area. The council says it represents 600,000 workers.

Diplomatic Collision

Russia Would Invoke Veto so That Britain Could Not Be Cleared

LONDON — A diplomatic collision between Russia and Britain rocked the United Nations Security Council last night in London. It developed around Russian charges that British troops in Greece endangered the peace of the world.

The Soviet accusation brought numerous sharp exchanges between British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Soviet Vice-Foreign Commissar Andrei Vishinsky.

Russia sought to use its veto power in the council to prevent action clearing Britain of the Russian accusation. Bevin demanded security council investigation and a clear-cut finding but the council adjourned without deciding whether the Russians, as a disputing party, could invoke the provision of the U.N. O. charter under which the Big Five—France, Britain, Russia, China and the United States—would have had to vote unanimously.

The security council, shaken by the disagreement, is scheduled to meet tonight to decide formally whether Russia can invoke her veto power. The Russians threatened to invoke this veto power by voting against a resolution declaring British troops in Greece are not endangering world peace.

KEEP AFTER ROAD ISSUE

Chamber of Commerce Not to Let Up on Campaign to Have Jurisdiction Settled and Permanent Maintenance Policy

In spite of continuing disappointments due to failure of the authorities to settle the matter of jurisdiction so that the permanent responsibility of maintenance may be fixed, the highway committee of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce was asked at last night's regular monthly meeting of the chamber to carry on its good work for which appreciation was expressed. The chairman of the committee is S. E. Parker and, in his absence last night, J. E. Boddie reported on latest representations that had been made to Ottawa and Victoria requesting that steps be taken to reach an agreement with the Canadian National Railways covering use of the railway right-of-way on which the highway passes for considerable distance between Prince Rupert and Terrace. The only reply had been from Premier John Hart who had informed H. G. Perry that there were still "serious complications" to be ironed out in connection with the final settlement of the road jurisdiction question.

J. E. Boddie was inclined to take rather a pessimistic view in connection with the future of the road, particularly in regard to the great slide near Kwintsa which he feared would tie up the road for a long time. The only solution he could see was a bridge defour outside the slide area at this point. Unless it could be completely impressed on the department that the road was really wanted, he feared that no serious attempt would be made to reopen it.

After some further discussion, it was decided to have the joint Prince Rupert - Terrace road committee go ahead with the

FOUR PERISH IN FARM FIRE

Tragedy Early This Morning Near Napanee, Ontario

NAPANEE, Ont., — Four persons, two of them young children, were burned to death today when fire levelled a farm home near here.

The dead are: Reginald Brown, aged 57, owner of the farm; Marguerite Brown, 17, daughter; Ivan Wager, 4, grandson; and Allen Brown, 1, Granddaughter.

The frame structure became a pyre in a matter of moments.

There was no fire fighting equipment.

Set Hearing Date for February 18

In County Court Monday Judge W. E. Fisher set over until February 18 the hearing of a complaint by John De Kergomaneux of Terrace against the National Health Association of Vancouver regarding a claim of \$278.50 for hospitalization costs. Judge Fisher approved the naturalization of Henry John Inge-man Hansen of Prince Rupert.

Twenty Persons Already Reported Unaccounted For But Not Confirmed — Survivors Huddled On Fore Part

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (CP)—Three men, washed off the wrecked steamship Yukon on a reef south of Seward, were landed at Seward by an Army tug today and the coastguard cutter Onondaga was enroute to Seward with forty-seven women and children survivors. Other rescue ships were standing by to take off more of the approximately 500 persons on board. Seas were subsiding but there was still a heavy snowstorm.

Interested in Rupert

Vancouver Shipping Concern Seeks Information From Chamber of Commerce

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- Number of wharves available for deepsea tonnage. (Four wharves, 4200 feet).
- Type of construction of wharves (concrete and piling).
- Cubic capacity of sheds and warehouses.
- Number of cranes and lifts available.
- Railway trackage (17.42 miles).
- Fresh water facilities.
- Harbor dues (none).

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NEXT MEETING IN NEW YORK

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New York Tie-Up—Shipping Standstill

NEW YORK — Shipping has been just about at a standstill since last night in New York City's great harbor, normally the busiest in the world.

The strike of 3,500 tugboat workers has produced the worst waterfront tie-up since 1919 when tugboat men stayed off their jobs seven weeks.

Tugboat employees have rejected several settlement proposals and they have been told the government may be ready to take over the industry tonight or early tomorrow.

MINISTER OF FISHERIES MAY BE ASKED HERE

Fishermen in Prince Rupert are anxious that Hon. H. F. G. Bridges, federal minister of fisheries, include this port in the course of his forthcoming west coast visit and have asked city council to support their invitation to the recently appointed minister.

Considering it fitting that the initial move should come from the fishermen, the aldermen last night adopted a motion by Alderman Arnold that council wire an invitation to Mr. Bridges if requested to do so. Alderman Hills, who introduced the matter, told council that it was likely that requests would be forthcoming from the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union and the vessel owners.

"We might point out to Mr. Bridges that this is the largest fishing centre on the coast," Alderman McKay commented.

Among matters which would be likely to come up for discussion with the minister would be the matter of a road to the fishermen's floats near Casey Point in Westview. A delegation from the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union and the Fishing Vessel Owners' Association recently met the Board of Works requesting completion of such a road.

Council last night adopted a recommendation by the Board of Works that a survey be made to select the best location for the road.

Alderman Rudderham, Board of Works chairman, said that there were two or three possible routes which justified a survey by the city engineer with an estimate of costs.

Aldermen hope that they can interest the federal Fisheries Department, which is building the new fishermen's floats, in financing the cost of the road to them.

Lumber Workers Reach Agreement With Operators

FRINGE GEORGE — An agreement in principal has been reached between bargaining agents of Local 1-424, International Woodworkers of America, and the Northern Interior Lumbermen's Association. The agreement, certified under the Wartime Labor Relations regulations, covers policy of working conditions for 900 men who are at present engaged in major logging and milling operations in the Fort George forestry district.

BRUCE LOVE PHONE HEAD

The resignation of Sam Massey as superintendent of the telephone department was accepted by council as committee of the whole last night and A.B. Love was appointed to replace him. Mr. Massey reached superannuation age last year and, since that time, has been employed on a month-to-month basis.

DOG GETS HELP TO SICK TRAPPER

GISCOME — Confined to his cabin by illness for a month, O. Anderson may credit his dog for attracting attention to his need for help. The animal padded through the snow from the trapline north of the Fraser River, and a party of two men left for the cabin to see why the dog should be travelling alone. Mr. Anderson was found to be ill, and was given assistance in coming to Giscome for treatment.

Local Tides

Wednesday, February 6, 1946

High	4:14	20.6 feet
	16:16	20.1 feet
Low	10:19	5.9 feet
	22:34	4.4 feet