

Waterfront - - Whiffs

More Power For International Fisheries Commission Advocated—Area No. 2 Closing Soon

What he describes as Canadian government inaction in not reopening negotiations to change the International Halibut Fisheries Treaty with the United States is creating a hardship on Prince Rupert halibut fishermen, says George Anderson, secretary-treasurer of the Deep Sea Fishermen's union here.

Mr. Anderson remarked particularly on the estimates of some members of the International Fisheries Commission that an increase of 4,000,000 pounds in quotas would be possible with a split season. He felt the commission should have its power extended so that it would have control beyond merely opening and closing the fishing season. The commission, he explained, had scientists working with it to determine the habits of the halibut and were in touch with the situation all the time. Therefore, it was logical that they should have more extensive power to control the fishing. There

was no power in the treaty now to split the season, he said. The United States, he said, was willing to negotiate a new treaty but the Canadian Government was doing nothing about it. Mr. Anderson reports Fisheries Minister Robert Manion informed him earlier that his department was willing to make the change increasing the commissions power from the economic standpoint but there had been a hold up by the Americans. But, said Mr. Anderson, the Canadian government had done nothing since the United States had signified her willingness to reopen the treaty.

In the meantime, according to the scientific staff of the fisheries commission, fish stocks are not being exploited properly. Stocks on the banks when the season opens are being depleted too severely because the whole quota is being taken in a short time. Mr. Anderson explained there seemed to be a completely different stock come in in July

and August. Among them were no chickens and the fish were larger and better developed.

Mr. Anderson feels that if the government is not prepared to give the commission power to regulate the fisheries on this coast according to the findings of the scientific staff, the commission might as well be closed down. Building up the fishery had now become an economic matter.

Mr. Anderson is well qualified to speak on matters affecting the fishing industry. He has been associated with the industry since 1911 and was actively engaged in fishing from 1913 to 1926.

HALIBUT LANDINGS UP

On the whole, halibut landings in the port of Prince Rupert this season are better than last year but this does not necessarily mean that both Canadian and American landings are ahead of the 1949 landings.

Up to and including May 18, total landings here have been 5,482,800 pounds. In 1949, total catch up to the same date was 4,739,000 pounds. Canadian landings thus far this year are 742,300 more than in 1949 while American landings are 1000 pounds less.

From Area No. 3, up to May 18, American and Canadian halibut fishermen have brought in 1,013,000 pounds into this port, 260,000 less than the 1949 total of 1,273,000 pounds.

Following are individual comparative landings here up to May 18:

| | 1950 | 1949 |
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| Canadian | 441,300 | 3,669,000 |
| American | 1,071,500 | 1,070,000 |

Total 5,482,800 4,739,000

Announcement is expected today of the closing of Area No. 2 to halibut fishing at midnight June 1. The increased rate of fishing brings the fishing to a close even earlier than last year when it ended June 2.

Returning to Prince Rupert on Monday morning following her first northern voyage this week, Canadian National Steamships palatial steamer Prince George, Capt. E. B. Caldwell, will have on board 250 members of the Oregon Journal's second 11-day annual tour to Alaska, first of which was held in 1949. The party, headed by Vernon R. Churchill, assistant to the publishers, Oregon Journal, will visit Ocean Falls, Prince Rupert, Ketchikan, Sitka, Juneau, Skagway, Wrangell and Victoria before returning to Vancouver. This will mark the first occasion since Prince George went into service in 1948 that the ship has called in at Sitka, capital of Alaska when that territory was under Russian rule.

ANGLING SEASON NEXT

Under a calm and blue sky in or beside a calm and blue B. C. lake or rippling stream will foregather many citizens with a few lengths of line, a heavy dose of patience and a dash of fighting spirit. This will all take place in case you don't know, on May 24 and will carry on throughout the summer, into the fall and trip over into next year.

But the busy season for angling as people such as Joe Scott

"Heiress" Is Impressive

Impressive translation to the screen of a famous Broadway stage play, "The Heiress," is the week-end offering at the Capitol Theatre. It concludes its engagement tonight after having pleased good audiences on Thursday and Friday.

A distinguished cast, headed by Olivia de Havilland, who contributes a memorable performance, includes Montgomery Clift and Ralph Richardson.

Set 100 years ago, this is the story of a plain girl whose only sex appeal seems to be her father's bankroll. Her lack of

know, is between Queen Victoria's birthday and Labor Day. As usual, people who either can't scrape enough money for a boat or whose love for the sea is not inherent, will be fishing at Rainbow and Prudhomme Lakes and along the Skeena highway.

On the other hand, other citizens will work an angle every week-end to take trips to Wark Canal, Levenson Lake or Bill's Lake. That is north country. To the south, there is Salmon River, Lowe Inlet and Clew Nugget.

Prince Rupert's eminent angler Joe Scott, said to this scribe the other day that tackle is easier to procure this year. And in addition, he said with a twinkling eye, English tackle is lower in price this season. Speaking of our tackle manufacturing friends across the border, Mr. Scott said their supplies are fairly good for Canadian anglers.

Of course, as usual, you can't get anything for nothing and a small donation is required by the government in order that any prospective gentleman or lady with an angle can hook the big ones.

They tell us that Prince Rupert is one of the few places in this country where a fisherman can go fishing without losing his temper and fish. It is not over crowded and R. K. Mansell happened to be around and passed the remark that there are so many places to go, it's more work finding a crowded spot. People and fishermen practice different religions during the angling season.

With a full freight cargo and considerable list of passengers, Union steamer Camosun, Capt. William McCombe, arrived in port at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Vancouver. Westview, Bella Bella and Butedale, sailing at 11 p.m. for south Queen Charlotte Island points whence she will return here tomorrow afternoon to sail at 9 p.m. on her return south. Passengers included twenty-five men for logging camps on the Islands. Persons disembarking at Prince Rupert included Mrs. A. N. Kopala and child, Mrs. R. Erwein and child, Mrs. Peterson and two children, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bradley and family and Mrs. G. A. Hunter.

groom keeps her shy with strangers. Clift falls in love with Olivia, but goes for the loot and makes a pitch.

Richardson sees through the adventurer, but Olivia is blinded by her first and only love.

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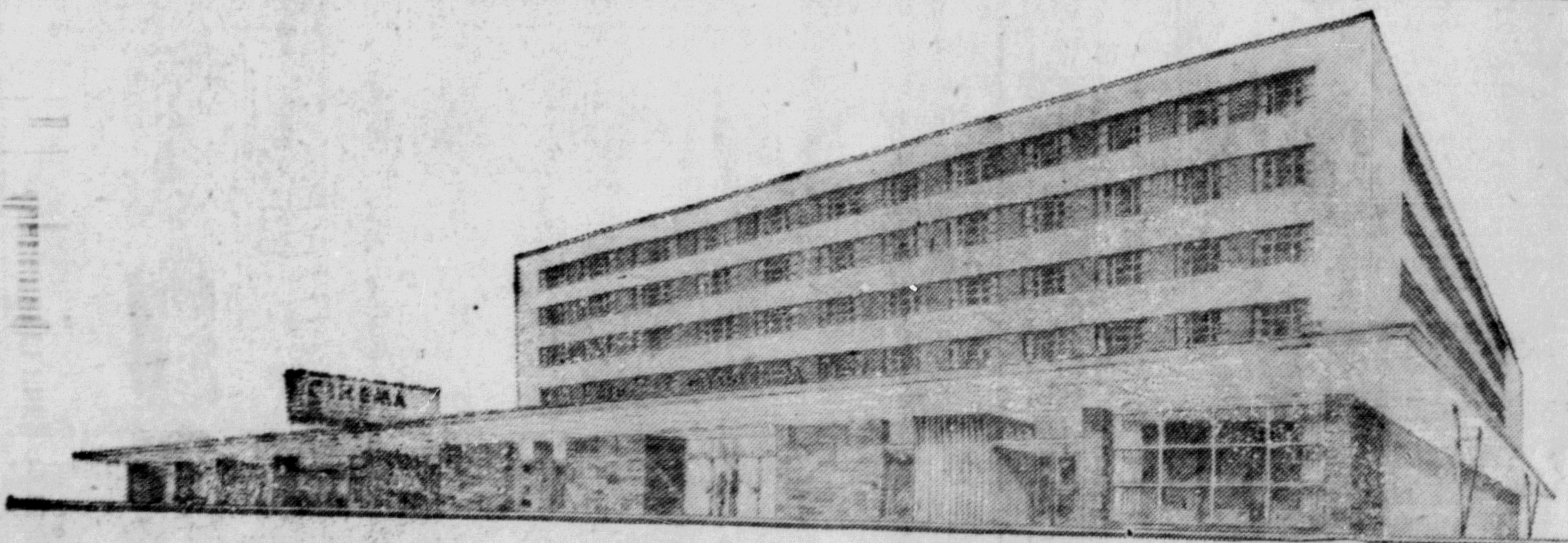
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