

Point Grey Community Officials on Lottery Charge

Board Convention Urges Amendment of B.C. Liquor Laws

Plebiscite Asked Despite Opposition
Within Prince Rupert Delegation

PRINCE RUPERT—Associated Boards of Trade of British Columbia convention here Friday urged present liquor distribution system in the province for lack of effectiveness in consumption of liquor and, by resolution, the provincial government to hold a

plebiscite on the will of the people concerning the present liquor and restaurants, cocktail clubs.

Amendment was put forward by the Prince Rupert Board of Trade, which was divided on the amendment. L. M. Greene of the Royal Comptroller of the social aspects of the liquor law was rejected by a 19-10 vote. The resolution of the plebiscite was 14-10.

Among special guests heard at Friday's convention session were G. M. Norris, Vancouver Board of Trade, Major H. Cuthbert Holmes, president of the Associated Boards of Trade of Vancouver Island, Victoria, Thomas Robertson of New Westminster, representing Associated Boards of Trade of Fraser Valley, C. A. Berner, divisional superintendent, Canadian National Railways.

L. C. Stevenson of Prince George, reported on the last meeting of the Pacific Northwest Trade Association. Friday afternoon a reception was held preceding a dinner meeting where delegates were the guests of the Smithers Chamber and heard an address by Senator J. G. Turgeon.

Ladies of the convention were entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. Olof Hanson at her Lake Kathryn home. In the morning they were guests of Mrs. R. J. Collison at the coffee hour.

Concluding social function was a dance Friday night at the Smithers Elks' Hall. The convention concluded this morning when four more resolutions were considered, officers elected and next year's convention venue chosen.

There are eighty-seven registered delegates and guests.

NATIONALISTS MAKE BID TO HOLD CANTON

CANTON—Press reports said that the Nationalists have sped strong reinforcements into the mountains less than 170 miles northeast of Canton in an attempt to check the Red southward rush. Report is probably true because large numbers of troops have been passing through Canton in the last few days.

The loss of Tayu, 170 miles northeast has put the Communists only five miles from the border of Kwangtung Province of which Canton is the capital and the temporary haven of the Nationalist government.

Philippine consular officials arriving at Manila from Amoy said that the big port on the southeast coast appears about to fall.

From the far northwest an official despatch said that Communists had pressed to a point twelve miles southeast of Lanchow before being thrown back. Lanchow is the capital of Kansu province, Nationalist stronghold.

IT'S WINTER IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES—This city has had its coldest day of the year to date. There was a temperature of 26.24 degrees, ice, uncommon in the Argentine winter, glazed the streets. For the first time in fifteen years there was a snowstorm at Mar del Plata, a fashion resort 200 miles south of Buenos Aires.

1,750 X-RAYED IN FIVE DAYS

A total of 1750 people received x-rays at the two travelling x-ray clinics in the five day period between Monday and Friday, Prince Rupert Health Unit reported today.

Friday's total at the mobile unit which visited Cow Bay and the Fishermen's Co-operative was 242 and at the breakdown unit in the Health building 231 were x-rayed.

Since the two units moved into the city, the mobile machine has x-rayed 738 and the breakdown has handled 1,012.

The breakdown machine will remain at the Health Unit building until the end of the month and the mobile unit will leave next week to visit interior towns.

WOULD REMOVE YULE TREE DUTY

WASHINGTON—Senator R. Baldwin has moved that in future, import duties on evergreen Christmas trees be eliminated. Every season, thousands of trees of his description are imported from Canada.

Oldest Newspaper Observes Birthday

QUEBEC—The Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph is now observing its 185th anniversary. Next month, the Chronicle-Telegraph will formally note that with The Courant of Hartford, Conn. (U.S.A.) it is the oldest surviving newspaper enterprise in North America.

TRADE BOARDS PARLEY CLOSES

SMITHERS—Prince George was chosen as the venue for 1950 convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central B.C. by delegates to the 1949 convention which concluded here this morning.

Officers elected at the final session today were:

President, George Ogston, Vanderhoof.

First Vice-President, W. J. Scott, Prince Rupert.

Second Vice-President, Miss Elizabeth Winn, Juneau.

Secretary, Duncan Kerr, Terrace.

Final resolutions included two calling for action by Canadian and American governments in regard to B.C. highways.

One sought continuation of the Whitehorse-Atlin road to Tuleague on the Taku River and thence, across the Alaska panhandle to Juneau.

The other sought improvement and year-round maintenance of the highway from Prince George to Prince Rupert and the Haines cutoff and the connection of Haines and Prince Rupert by a ferry service suitable for motor vehicles.

Final endorsement also was given to a resolution urging construction of a landing field at Tugwell Island and a vote of appreciation to Prime Minister St. Laurent for the \$15,000-a-mile subsidy for extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce of Smithers and the Fraser and District Board of



FOUR OF THE BEST—Competitors for the title of Miss Canada shown here, from left, are: Betty Brown of Mimico, Ont., and Patricia Bullock of Lethbridge, Alta., in the back row; Norma DuPont, Quebec, and Aldene Markle of Toronto in the front row. (C. P. Photo)



VANISHING LANDMARK—Vancouver's skyline won't look the same when wreckers complete the job of razing the old Vancouver Hotel, long a city landmark. It is expected that demolition of the huge building, begun three months ago, will be finished by mid-October. (C. P. Photo)

FINNISH LABOR FACES SPLIT

HELSINKI—Finland's central trade union federation has acted against the Communist union's growing offensive. It ordered them to cancel the strike call or face expulsion.

ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY IN FALL

Walter S. Bird, employee of the British-American Oil Company, was taken to the Prince Rupert General Hospital yesterday afternoon in the ambulance after having fallen from the dock on to the deck of the boat Merle C.

Mr. Bird was alone at the time of the accident which occurred when he was fueling the boat. In spite of the fact that

he fell a distance of fifteen feet, it appears that he suffered no broken bones but is just badly bruised.

EARL JOHNSON COMMITTED ON MURDER CHARGE

Earl Johnson, 34-year old Nanaimo fisherman was committed for trial this morning by Magistrate W. D. Vance following his preliminary hearing on a charge of murdering his brother, Vivian (Vic) Johnson aboard the seine boat Izumi III here on August 13.

Vic Johnson, skipper of the vessel was shot to death with a .22 calibre rifle in the fore-castle after he had ordered another brother, Clifford, from the boat in a family quarrel.

The tall Negro will come up for jury trial at the fall sitting of the Assize Court here September 26.

His committal followed a preliminary enquiry in which Mrs. Jenny Johnson, wife of the slain man, told how she had seen the shot fired and her husband slump to the floor and die within a matter of seconds.

According to witnesses the quarrel which preceded the shooting had its immediate beginning when Vic Johnson objected to Clifford and Michael Patrick (Mickey) Dolan, another crew member and a brother-in-law of the Johnson boys, bringing liquor aboard the Izumi III. Witnesses testified that Vic Johnson also had accused Clifford of trying to claim the attentions of his wife who was cook aboard the fishing boat.

The hearing, which began Friday afternoon, was conducted by Crown Counsel T. W. Brown. Mrs. M. Willa Ray, acted in behalf of the accused man. Dr. J. A. Macdonald, autopsy, testified that examination of the lung cavity where the bullet came to rest showed that in addition to the .22 calibre slug, there was a .38 calibre bullet lodged near the lung.

Mrs. Johnson later told the court that Victor Johnson had received the bullet 11 years ago. She did not describe the circumstances of that shooting. The old bullet was sealed in protective tissue and apparently had not caused him any trouble. Clifford Johnson, Mickey Dolan and Anthony (Tony) Silvey, the latter a crew member of the seiner London III, came aboard the boat just as Vic Johnson and his wife were leaving to go up town. Mrs. Johnson said, Earl, was aboard the boat.

"Just as we were leaving the galley door, Cliff and the rest appeared," Mrs. Johnson said. "My husband told me: 'I mean this—take the liquor off the ship. There will be no liquor aboard.'"

"Vic was outside the galley door. Earl started to go down the steps and took a .22 rifle from near the exhaust pipe. I slipped in and tried to grab the gun."

The gun, she said, was empty at that time.

"My husband said to me: 'You stay out of this' and then he went down the fore-castle steps. He ordered them off the ship. He was firing Clifford and Dolan."

Clifford started to pack his gear and Earl began to do the same.

"My husband told Earl that he was not fired, that he didn't have to go."

During the argument which followed, Mrs. Johnson testified, Earl left the fore-castle and went up onto the pilot house top where 22 bullets were kept for shooting seals. As he came down, she tried to make him drop the bullets overside, but he resisted.

As the argument progressed, Vic raised his fists and said: "Come on out on the dock and

Raid on Carnival Results in Seizure of Car, Other Prizes

WILL TAKE CASE TO SUPREME COURT
ASSOCIATION LEADERS SAY

VANCOUVER (CP)—Four officials of the West Point Grey Community Association were served with summonses on charges of conducting a lottery. The charges followed a police raid on the Carnival on Wednesday in which an automobile and other prizes were seized.

Officials of the association announced that they will fight the case and take it "to supreme court" if necessary.

In addition to prizes, tickets with stubs, printers' forms, and other printed matter were seized in the raid on the printing shop. All this paraphernalia is said to have been connected with the draw.

City Prosecutor Gordon Scott, who advised police officials to lay the charge under the Criminal Code, said that he is confident they can make the charge stick. Last year a similar charge was laid against the Kinsmen Club in their draw but the jury decided it was not illegal.

ARMS PROGRAM FIGHT STILL ON

WASHINGTON—The United States government forces began an uphill fight today to salvage \$1,450,000 foreign arms program which was attacked by services committee.

RESOUNDING DIN ANTICIPATED WHEN CITY, SMITHERS TEAMS MEET SUNDAY

Smithers ball teams, like Bulkley Valley potatoes, are always good . . . and like the ground crop, some years they are better than others. While no report of the quality of the spud harvest is at hand, indications are that the baseball team is up to standard calibre.

When the teams met earlier this season, they divided games and in both cases the winners built up early leads only to have the losers come back to make strong comebacks that just failed. Both games turned out to be slug-fests, though many tight pitching battles have been contested between the two teams. No matter how the games go, the Smithers-Prince Rupert series usually provides the best and most exciting baseball entertainment of the season.

"I don't need a gun," Mrs. Johnson testified. "Earl loaded the gun. He just held it. When he lifted the gun my husband said: 'Alright, if you are going to fight that way, I'll fight this way, too.'"

Mickey Dolan testified that Emmerson, Senkpiel, Carl Spicer, at that time, Vic said: "Jenny Spike Arnold, Bob Fowler and get my knife."

The knife was one used for cutting fish nets and general work on the boats. It had a short blade.

Dolan stepped between the two men and Vic said: "Mickey you don't want me to use this on you, too," the woman declared.

"Mickey kept pulling on Vic's coat, then Earl fired."

After the shot was fired, Vic slumped against the engine. As soon as Earl fired, I took hold of my husband.

"I asked him if he heard me. He said: 'Look what my brother's done to me. He was sliding down.'"

"As I went down into the fore-castle I picked up an axe and when my husband spoke, I went toward Earl. He said: 'I'll shoot you, too.'"

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TRAINS COLLIDE IN EASTERN U.S.

CANAAN, N.H.—Two diesel Boston and Maine passenger trains crashed head on, on a siding here yesterday. Forty-four passengers were injured but none seriously. Four eastern Canadians were listed. A trainman's error in switching sent the Montreal-bound Ambassador into the southbound Ambassador out of Montreal which was standing in the siding. A wooden milk car behind the engine was smashed to matchwood and took most of the shock.

The House of Representatives. The latter body slashed the budget in half. The funds were meant to supply members of the Atlantic Pact with arms.

However, observers said that it seemed unlikely that the Democrats would be able to muster a majority in the Senate to force foreign relations and armed program which was attacked by services committee.

The Smithers team are crowd pleasers, they are a scrappy bunch, do a bit of beefing but quickly forget it to play good ball. Like the local squad they are mostly home grown. Unlike Rupert they have lost several players recently when some of their top athletes have been forced to move for better jobs. And so the interior club sometimes find themselves short of strength. Some of their junior players are breaking in, but are short of experience so it is anticipated that they will pick up a couple of players from neighborhood teams to round out the club.

Players expected to be on hand for the Sunday games include Jack and Gordie Hetherington, Goodwin, Norm Klipatrick, Bill and Archie Leach, Cliff Emersson, Senkpiel, Carl Spicer, at that time, Vic said: "Jenny Spike Arnold, Bob Fowler and get my knife."

The local squad will be virtually the same as the line-up that was ready to repel the Ketchikan invasion last weekend. Dave Abel is hobbling around on a badly sprained ankle and is unlikely to be ready for Sunday. However, Herb Morgan is ready to go the eighteen innings and he will undoubtedly fill the bill in the capable Morgan manner. Both Letourneau and Rosedale have had a longer lay-off than they would have had last weekend for the Ketchikan series so they should be in top shape.

Starting time of the evening game has been set back to 6:30 to avoid conflict with eating habits. However the contest will be called promptly to allow the visitors to get an early departure for home.

Baseball - SMITHERS vs. PRINCE RUPERT - Sunday 1:30 and 6:30 p.m.