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Bodet's description of

situation in the delta as "ser-

ious" was the first such estimate

from any member of the French

high command in Indo-China.

INCREASE ATTACKS

French Officer Repeats Call

For Foreign Aid in War Zone

led Vietminh unleash all their serious but far from hopeless

New U.N. Plan

SHOWING great promise and adding beauty to the "Sweethearts on Parade" were ballet dancers

featured in "Over the Rainbow." Seated, front row, left to right are: Judith Bird, Sherrill Cook

and Jacqueline Halliwell. Back row, left to right: Leslie McLaren, Sharon Allen, Linda Pay,

An effort must be made to be sought from the city council. plan for unification of Korea.

\$1,000,000, the project would warned that his forces may need ference Tuesday night:

probably receive serious consid- foreign help if the Communist- "The situation in the delta

Eight Kitwanga families were

sudden blaze razed eight homes

The blaze broke out Saturday

afternoon and raced through

eight homes before forestry de-

partment fire equipment, com-

bined with the desperate work

of almost the entire population

was brought under control.

ten staged a pot-luck supper for

the visitors.

the village, quelled the

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NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

Diane Forman and Loree Faught.

The meeting heard a report ing.

Dr. Greene said he found that

being developed as the meter.

officials admitted that opera- Fire Razes

the main obstacle was the esti-

major air base for this district,

landing at Terrace are a 1,500-

be made available, the meeting

decided that other steps must

be taken to obtain an estimate

on the lowest possible cost of

construction. Particular refer-

Independent Survey

For Airport Mooted

It was confirmed that Terrace power against the defence peri-

foot ceiling and three miles left homeless Saturday when

veys already carried out are to it was learned here today.

Although the results of sur- and threatened the entire village,

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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1954

-Photo by Van Meer Studio. of performers in recent revue "Sweethearts on Parade" staged by Civic Centre lasses under direction of Buddy Taft were the popular chefs and also the clowns in routine. Boys taking part were, front row, left to right: David Bell, Floyd Murdoch, rd. Rusty Evans, Donny Evans and Bill Fudger. Back row, left to right: Harry Brian Adames and Larry Clayton.

Counsel Urges Rejection Bids To Build Gas Pipeline

cants to supply er commission but officials of a Company in arguing its case beo the populous Pa- Canadian company are confi- fore the commission hinges the est area of the dent that they can still obtain company's plan to supply southwere recommend- a licence for the job.

ict Festival III-Timed Some Choirs Says Leader

Greenville choir, as unable to come.

st of his choir mem- ient? busy at this time ther of his people the fishing season

ts Leave

leared with the of-3-A to date.

ion is expected Friwhen smaller boats g for Area 2. Boats 2 for halibut can r after 12:01 a.m. hallbut season starts ute past midnight ing and ends when nit has been taken. 101 a.m. August 11:59 August 8, and 10 in Area 3-A.

Seek Auto

car from in front Apartments some nidnight last night estigated by the RC , belonging to K. L. as discovered miss-4. this morning. It ence number 87-738, orted that the keys the ignition at the

date of the Prince As a result he said, only half of district Music and the choir could attend. Fred val was criticized McKay, conductor of the band iam Bright, presi- for the last 45 years, was also

preparing to leave "The festival should be held around Easter time," Mr. Bright whose 40-voice said, "at that time work is slack Joshua McKay, won and the long trip down the its class last night, Nass River is not so inconven-

Trained to sing sacred music what with cannery for the past 45 years, Mr. Bright said that the choir felt that it shouldn't take part in a festival on a competitive basis as hymns

were not suitable for competi-"There should be no competition in church music," he said,

adding that this year made the seventh year that the Greenville choir had been invited to the festival but the first in which it had participated. The 40-member choir, of St

Bartholomew's Anglican church, Aiyansh, has also been singing for nearly 50 years and faced the same problem of leaving their trip down the Nass.

members were too busy.

NO - Bids by counsel for the U.S. federal pow- coast Transmission Pipe Line ern British Columbia with naton Tuesday by staff On the success of the West- ural gas from the Peace River district of northern Alberta. The B.C. project would be financially possible only if the pipeline can be extended across the border.

Competing with Westcoast for the franchise to supply the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho are the Trans-Northwest Gas Company and the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corpor-

to bring in natural gas from area, it was decided yesterday Thursday. Canada but lacks Canadian gov- at a meeting of the city's airport J. T. Harvey was in the chair the country before the with- mat." ernment authorization to export committee.

The Canadian government last from Dr. L. M. Greene on his year gave Westcoast an export recent visit to Ottawa during permit for the project and the which he discussed the airport Alberta government also approv- question with E. T. Applewhaite, ed the Calgary concern's bid to MP for Skeena, and department take natural gas from the Peace of transport officials. River district.

PROPOSAL INCOMPLETE

But in his 48-page brief to the U.S. commission Tuesday, staff counsel Alvin A. Kurtz said none of the three applicants had presented "a sufficient, proper or complete proposal" to justify the commission in issuing a licence

In Victoria Premier W. A. C. Bennett is not unduly worried over the U.S. power commission counsel's recommendation.

The premier said in a press tions might be difficult there work and making the 100-mile conference yesterday he was during the winter months. Minisatisfied the Westcoast Trans- mum conditions for aircraft St. Peter's church choir from mission Pipe Line Co. will be Kitkatla, was unable to come to able to answer the statements the festival this year because when it delivers its brief before the commission.

BIG FINES DETER SPEEDERS MAGISTRATE TELLS PARLEY

annual music and community activity made better from Adjudicator Kurth. Abel Alan Sieber and Donald Lewis Kitwancool people, the Salvawent to the Fes- people . . . and "better people Rush of Aiyansh, singing an aria (the latter replacing Brian Kan- tion Army from Kitzequecla and Mr. and Mrs. Haxten.

Propellor shaft trouble aboard the motorship Pacific Prince kept Prince Rupert stores with-

couver. The Pacific Prince, op-The Greenville Church Choir, erated by the Northland Navi-

Blackjack Dispute Results in Fracas

A story of wide open card games in a gambling tent at Kitimat was unfolded yesterday in County Court as the trial of Dominic Biscotti, charged with robbery with violence, went into its second day.

Three Crown witnesses desin which the accused was a player. Each told of Biscotti "tapping" the bank until the dealer, fateful blackjack that resulted in the game being broken up by a

Defence witnesses Adam John Omerchuk, Kenneth Joseph Mc-Kenzie and Anton Wenzoski Kitimat workers, all stated that the acused threw his cards onto the table so that they were mix- the force in 1953. ed in the money. Their evidence grabbed the money on the tabl and swung at Ewing. Estimated amounts of money in the "pot" varied from \$500 to \$560.

SAW NOTHING WRONG

The defence witnesses each claimed they saw nothing wrong with Ewing's deal. Over the objections of defence

counsel Jerry Pettenuzzo, County Court Judge W. O. Fulton ruled as admissable, evidence regarding possible intimidation of Om-SEOUL (A)_A high South Kor- erchuk. Omerchuk told the appeal court after Mr. Justice ean government source said to- court that the previous day in day that President Syngman the witness room Joe Bujan had Rhee has rejected a new Allied told him he "had too big mouth." Omerchuk said that was no precedent, for such an arrange an independent airport The council's decision is expect- The source said the plan call- Bujan, a defence witness yet to action. Trans-Northwest also sought survey of the Prince Rupert ed at its special meeting on ed for United Nations-supervis- be called, told him "you will get ed general elections throughout yours when you get back to Kiti-

> at the airport committee meet- drawal of Communist forces To questions put by prosecutor time ago. T. W. Brown, Omerchuk replied with the case, and no one connected with the prosecution had instructed him to lie.

McKenzie told the court that the pot that had led to the altercation was the biggest of the HANOI (A-France put Indo- Gen. Pierre Louis Bodet, chief mated cost of \$5,000,000 for an China's vital Red River delta aid to the French commanderevening. After the accused had airport here and gathered that on top of the danger list today in-chief in Indo-China, Gen. been informed that a card was if the cost could be reduced to as a high French commander Henri Navarre, told a press conin with the money, McKenzie said, Biscotti had grabbed up the pot and distributed money back to two other players.

desperate. We may need help IMPULSIVE NATURE

from outside if the Veitminh Defence counsel Pettenuzzo attack the delta with all their told the court that it was the means and with their forces defence's contention that gamblers would move independently Bodet specified no country in into camps, preceded by conhis mention of additional foreign federates. Their object, he said, aid. The United States was rewas to bet up pots so that only drink for a woman aboard a ported to have refused a French one or two players with a greater request for air force help to amount of money could stay in. Dien Bien Phu after Britain said Mr. Pettenuzzo said that his she could not consider joint client was an impulsive man by military intervention until the nature, and he had lost \$1,200 outcome of the Geneva conferthe night before.

> The accused drew \$2,000 from the bank the day of the blackjack game and played that night in an attempt to recoup his losses, Mr. Pettenuzzo said.

Biscotti who gave his evidence partly through an interpreter. Seeking to exploit their vic- recontructed the blackjack game. Churches and other homes tory last week at Dien Bien Phu, cards and all, for the benefit of were threatened before the fire the rebels throughout the rich Judge Fulton.

rice lands stepped up their at- Biscotti, a new Canadian, has with sunny periods today and People from throughout the tacks on thinly manned French been in this country 18 months Thursday. A few showers today. valley, particularly from Kit- and Viet Namese defence posts, and has worked at Kitimat nine Little change in temperature. wancool, came to the aid of the The French retaliated with and a half months. With two Light winds. Low tonight and village, offering shelter for the massive bombing assaults yes- defence witnesses still to give high Thursday at Port Hardy, homeless, and Hudson's Bay fac- terday on key centres of Viet- evidence, the trial is continuing Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 45 tor Alex Haxten and Mrs. Hax- minh activity in the region, this afternoon.

George Ewing turned up the fateful blackjack that resulted in Granted Appeal

VICTORIA ()-The British Columbia Court of Appeal Tuesday ruled that the B.C. Suprema Court has the right to hear the appeal of John Robert Cunningham White, former RCMP corporal, against his dismissal from

It is believed to be the first time that a police officer in British Commonwealth country has been allowed to appeal disciplinary measures to the civil courts.

White, formerly stationed at . Prince Rupert, was dismissed from the force following conviction on five charges under the RCMP Act which governs discipline. The charges were heard by RCMP Superintendent G. J. Archer of Vancouver.

White carried his case to the H. S. Wood of the B.C. Supreme Court rejected his application for hearing on the grounds there

Right of appeal is new to the police. It was granted to members of the armed forces some

Under the RCMP Act, members that he had no particular friend- of the force can be sentenced to ship for any person connected as much as a year in prison for disciplinary offences.

White became an RCMP constable when the force took over the B.C. Provincial Police in 1950. He was close to retirement when dismissed.

Supplier, Driver Pay Court Fines

Thomas Nethery was fined \$50 and costs, or in default, one month in jail, by Stipendiary Magistrate H. F. Glassey, in city police court this morning when he pleaded guilty to a charge of supplying liquor to an Indian.

Nethery was caught pouring a small boat May 12.

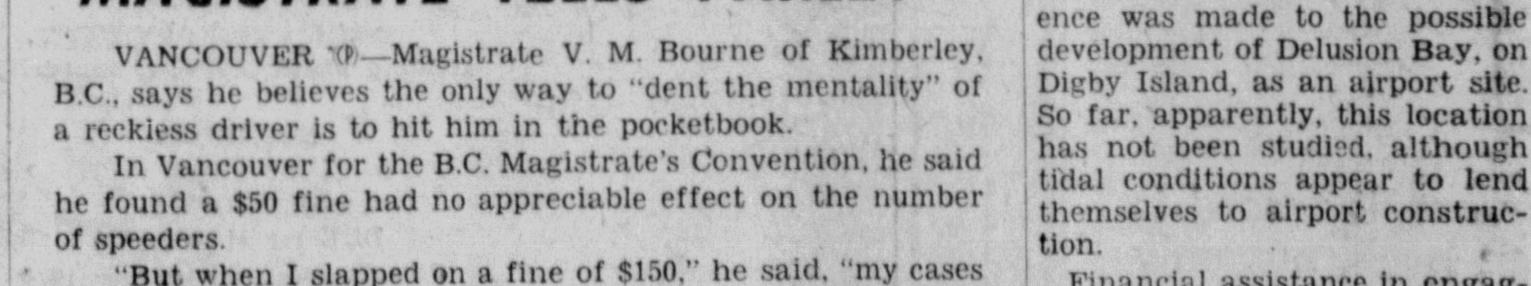
Also in court this morning was Benjamin Sweet who paid a \$10 fine and \$2 costs for driving without due care and attention. Sweet, involved in a collision or Sixth Avenue May 4, paid the \$90 damages sustained by the other car in the crash, driven by Arne Johnson.

WEATHER

North coast region - Cloudy



-Photo by Van Meer Studio. BIG HIT at the Civic Centre association dance revue was the Circus which featured ponies, tigers, ringmaster and drum majorettes. Shown with kiddles from "Tiptoe Through the Tulips" number is a considerable portion of the large cast which won praise from two packed



"But when I slapped on a fine of \$150," he said, "my cases Financial assistance in engagdropped to one in every three months." He usually handles an ing an engineer from Vancouver average of seven speeding infractions a week. to look the situation over will

tival Singers" Top Opening Day Marks; s Choirs Win Adjudicator's Praise A ROGERSON entrants and festival officials full tone. from Mr. Kurth. The boys, in the first day of and noting that this type of Two vocalists also won tribute Peter Fladset. Bob Anderson, Haines, to the valley residents,

an octet of local made a better community." won high praise and The Aiyansh Silver Harmonic the Irish "Mother Machree," and played "Country Gardens" and and 90 from Adjudi- Band, which has won laurels Mary Bird of Prince Rupert, a Gluck Andante, achieving here in past years, was close be- singing Brahms' "Liebestreu" "good quality, an expressive op-

tures of last night's marks. on in the Civic Cen- Conducted by B. A. Munroe. Mary Bird won the class for fluded sacred music the band played the Poet and her lovely "mezzo quality" voice, church choirs, a Peasant Overture by Von Suppe her ease and wisdom in using ormance by the and a Kilties March, winning an that voice and her ability to set hish band, songs by ovation from the full-house and- the moods of her songs.

horus, a violin ience. Vocal and accordion WELL-TRAINED BAND

session at which music. In the overture, they had a "natural and sincere singer."

was one of many in- hind the Festival Singers in and "Spring is a Lovely Lady," ening and clean legato."

were termed fine singers.

Mr. Rush was complimented on his nice quality of voice and Mr. Kurth said it was a well- his quietly impressive interpreon, festival assoc- trained band with fine instru- tation of Handel, as well as making its first festival appear- gation Company, carries mostly was chairman ments and a fine feeling for amazing breath control. He was

and recitative from Handel and gas, a victim of chickenpox) BEAUTY OF TONE

ance, won its class in competi- fresh produce to west coast ports tion with last year's winners between here and Vancouver. It Hills officially attained dignified, measured A violin quartet composed of from Aiyansh. Mr. Kurth term- left Vancouver last night after thanking the rhythm, excellent contrasts and four young boys, also won praise | See FESTIVAL SINGERS Page 4 the trouble had been rectified

expressing the appreciation of Kitwanga to the forest rangers, particlarly Jack Mould and L

In adjudicating the Festival Singers, Mr. Kurth said he was out fresh vegetables today. "arrested by their beauty of The ship, just out from an tone, excellent blend and good overhaul developed shaft trouble balance." They were like a quar- and was forced to return to Vantet rather than an octet.