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Some of performers in recent revue "Sweethearts on Parade" staged by Civic Centre. Boys taking part were, from left to right: David Bell, Floyd Murdoch, Rusty Evans, Donny Evans and Bill Fudger. Back row, left to right: Harry Brian Adams and Larry Clayton.

Counsel Urges Rejection Bids To Build Gas Pipeline

PRINCE RUPERT — Bids by applicants to supply gas to the populous Peace River area of the province were recommended Tuesday by staff counsel for the U.S. federal power commission but officials of a Canadian company are confident that they can still obtain a licence for the job.

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\$1,200 Lost In One Card Game At Kitimat Accused Tells Court



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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, Diane Forman and Loree Faught.

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 described a blackjack game April 21 in which the accused was a player. Each told of Biscotti "tapping" the bank until the dealer, George Ewing turned up the fateful blackjack that resulted in the game being broken up by a fracas.

Defence witnesses Adam John Omerchuk, Kenneth Joseph McKenzie and Anton Wenzoski, Kitimat workers, all stated that the accused threw his cards onto the table so that they were mixed in the money. Their evidence said that Biscotti had then grabbed the money on the table and swung at Ewing. Estimated amounts of money in the "pot" varied from \$500 to \$560.

It is believed to be the first time that a police officer in any 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 appeal court after Mr. Justice H. S. Wood of the B.C. Supreme Court rejected his application for hearing on the grounds there was no precedent for such an action.

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

Under the RCMP Act, members of the force can be sentenced to 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.

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 drink for a woman aboard 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 on Sixth Avenue May 4, paid the \$80 damages sustained by the other car in the crash, driven by Arne Johnson.

Biscotti, a new Canadian, has been in this country 18 months and has worked at Kitimat nine and a half months. With two defence witnesses still to give evidence, the trial is continuing this afternoon.

Independent Survey For Airport Mooted

An effort must be made to arrange an independent airport survey of the Prince Rupert area, it was decided yesterday at a meeting of the city's airport committee.

The meeting heard a report from Dr. L. M. Greene on his recent visit to Ottawa during which he discussed the airport question with E. T. Applewhite, MP for Skeena, and department of transport officials.

Dr. Greene said he found that the main obstacle was the estimated cost of \$5,000,000 for an airport here and gathered that if the cost could be reduced to \$1,000,000, the project would probably receive serious consideration.

It was confirmed that Terrace was being developed as the major air base for this district, although transport department officials admitted that operations might be difficult there during the winter months. Minimum conditions for aircraft landing at Terrace are a 1,500-foot ceiling and three miles visibility.

Although the results of surveys already carried out are to be made available, the meeting decided that other steps must be taken to obtain an estimate on the lowest possible cost of construction. Particular reference was made to the possible development of Delusion Bay, on Digby Island, as an airport site. So far, apparently, this location has not been studied, although tidal conditions appear to lend themselves to airport construction.

Financial assistance in engaging an engineer from Vancouver to look the situation over will be sought from the city council. The council's decision is expected at its special meeting on Thursday.

J. T. Harvey was in the chair at the airport committee meeting.

Rhee Rejects New U.N. Plan

SEOUL — A high South Korean government source said today that President Syngman Rhee has rejected a new Allied plan for unification of Korea.

The source said the plan called for United Nations-supervised general elections throughout the country before the withdrawal of Communist forces there.

French Officer Repeats Call For Foreign Aid in War Zone

HANOI — France put Indo-China's vital Red River delta on top of the danger list today as a high French commander warned that his forces may need foreign help if the Communist-led Vietminh unleash all their power against the defence perimeter.

Gen. Pierre Louis Bodet, chief aid to the French commander-in-chief in Indo-China, Gen. Henri Navarre, told a press conference Tuesday night.

"The situation in the delta is serious but far from hopeless or desperate. We may need help from outside if the Vietminh attack the delta with all their means and with their forces from Dien Bien Phu."

Bodet specified no country in his mention of additional foreign aid. The United States was reported to have refused a French request for air force help to Dien Bien Phu after Britain said she could not consider joint military intervention until the outcome of the Geneva conference was known.

Bodet's description of the situation in the delta as "serious" was the first such estimate from any member of the French high command in Indo-China.

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Festival Singers' Top Opening Day Marks; Choirs Win Adjudicator's Praise

PRINCE RUPERT — Entrants and festival officials and noting that this type of community activity made better people... and "better people made a better community."

The Alyansh Silver Harmonic Band, which has won laurels here in past years, was close behind the Festival Singers in marks.

Conducted by B. A. Munro, the band played the Poet and Peasant Overture by Von Suppe and a Killies March, winning an ovation from the full-house audience.

WELL-TRAINED BAND
Mr. Kurth said it was a well-trained band with fine instruments and a fine feeling for music. In the overture, they had attained dignified, measured rhythm, excellent contrasts and

from Mr. Kurth. The boys, Peter Fladset, Bob Anderson, Alan Sieber and Donald Lewis (the latter replacing Brian Kangas, a victim of chickenpox) played "Country Gardens" and a Gluck Andante, achieving "good quality, an expressive opening and clean legato."

BEAUTY OF TONE
In adjudicating the Festival Singers, Mr. Kurth said he was "arrested by their beauty of tone, excellent blend and good balance." They were like a quartet rather than an octet.

Ship Delayed

Propeller shaft trouble aboard the motorship Pacific Prince kept Prince Rupert stores without fresh vegetables today.

The ship, just out from an overhaul, developed shaft trouble and was forced to return to Vancouver. The Pacific Prince, operated by the Northland Navigation Company, carries mostly fresh produce to west coast ports between here and Vancouver. It left Vancouver last night after the trouble had been rectified.



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 kiddies from "Tiptoe Through the Tulips" number is a considerable portion of the large cast which won praise from two packed houses.