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Hospital Inquiry Sought Here In Face Of $30,000 Deficit

A Refreshing Splash

ERSTANDING SPECTATOR in Nimes splashes a bucketful of cool water on appreciative acer Jan Nolten during the fourteenth lap of the Tour de France bicycle race. Such nent from the roadside is welcomed by the hot pedal pushers.

nnett Predicts Better Deal B.C., More Tax Exemptions

deal for British Co- om the federal gov- nd bigger income tax s were forecast last Premier W. A. C. Ben- he spoke to a capac- at the Canadian Le- orium.

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BY TAX

nett said that of the 0 British Columbians federal government in xes, corporation taxes duties last year, only came back to B.C. as the tax agreements. that the $239,000,000 than was paid by half ther provinces put to- e admitted the federal nt actually spent more 000,000 in B.C. but it by a 10 per cent fed- s tax, a 15 per cent x and custom duties. cial Credit party plan- the balance of power ett said he expected s to gain in the com-

ing election, to form a partnership of British Columbia with the federal government in Canada Unlimited.

"We will ask the federal government for a better deal for B.C." he said. "We want a public investment program from the federal government on a central trans-Canada highway; we want the PGE extension completed so that the oil, wheat and coal can be brought down from the Peace River through the port of Prince Rupert."

The rail line to Prince Rupert can no longer be a branch line, nor can British Columbia be a branch line of Canada, he said.

He scoffed at the suggestion that Alberta's boom had become merely because of oil. The Alberta people decided on Social Credit long before the oil boom, he said. In B.C. not a barrel of oil had been obtained and yet the people had chosen Social Credit 28 to 20 in the recent election.

Fair treatment for all with no favoritism for capital, management or labor, was promised by

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POLICE INVESTIGATING FIRES AT TWO SAWMILLS

CHILLIWACK (CP)—Two B.C. lumber mills were hit by fire today to send the July fire damage to industry zooming towards the $1,000,000 mark.

A $100,000 sawmill was levelled in a two-hour blaze at Aiken Bros. plant here and $5,000 damage was reported caused by fire at a mill in Hope. Police are investigating.

Allies, Reds Both Charge Violations of Truce Pact

MUNSAN (CP)—The Communists today charged two more truce violations by Allied forces while United States air officers countered with charges that Red warplanes swooped into North Korea from Manchuria after the cease fire deadline Monday night.

Maj.-Gen. Blackshear M. Bryan, head of the five-man United Nations team on the joint military armistice commission, said the Reds accused the Allies of truce violations at the meeting Thursday. Both involved aircraft which allegedly circled over demilitarized zone.

A UN spokesman said Bryan "noted the allegations and will deal with them the same way as he did allegations made yesterday. We will announce results of our investigations later."

The UN made no formal complaint of Communist truce violations, but an air force officer said a big U.S. radar station on Chodo Island, off North Korea, tracked a large number of Red warplanes flying to North Korean bases Monday night.

Under terms of the armistice, no additional weapons or armament could enter Korea after the cease-fire went into effect Monday night, aside from replacements. But air force officers said such flights continued after the deadline.

Korea Armies Both Retreat From Front

SEOUL (CP)—Two undefeated armies—the Allied and Red—walked away from the Korean front today, leaving in silence a narrow strip across Korea that only days ago roared in war.

Under the armistice terms all troops had to be out of a 2½-mile-wide belt by 10 p.m. tonight (6 a.m. PDT).

The United Nations command said most of the Allied front was uninhabited seven hours before the deadline.

Allied soldiers started leaving the battleline shortly after the truce was signed Monday.

South Korean troops pulled back in orderly fashion from the two-thirds of the front they held.

Almost all fortifications were destroyed.

Plane Down Off Luzon

MANILA (AP)—A United States amphibious plane with 15 men aboard crashed at sea off Luzon Island today and five survivors were rescued, 60 miles off the west coast.

Murder Trial Adjourned

By The Canadian Press

U.S. Policeman Gives Testimony

DUNCAN, B.C. — An American police officer Wednesday testified he heard Edna Sampson accuse her husband, Cecil, of murdering Chew Deb here three years ago.

Officer Jerry O'Connell of Campbell, Calif., also testified at the preliminary hearing of the Indian couple, charged with the fatal beating of the elderly Chinese June 29, 1952, that Cecil Sampson said he beat Chew with a beer bottle after he refused to sell him beer on credit.

Adam Jimmy, Edna Sampson's uncle, testified that Edna told him of the slaying while in the United States last year and said if her husband did not quit mistreating her she would tell of it.

The hearing was adjourned to Aug. 19 at the request of defence counsel Tom Hurley who said he wanted time to examine the transcript of evidence by the California constable.

Constable O'Connell, who arrested the pair in Campbell, quoted Mrs. Sampson as saying her husband hit Chew on the head. He said police were called in to settle a "family quarrel" and restore peace at their home.

HIT ON HEAD

"They continued to bicker heatedly back and forth, and at the height of the argument Edna looked at Cecil and said: 'I don't tell the cops anything about the Chinaman you killed in Canada.'"

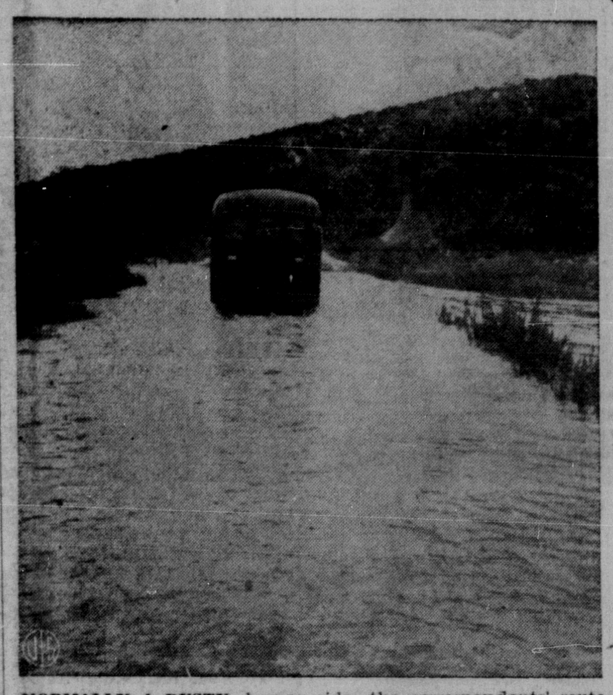
Later she told officers on the morning of June 29 she and her husband had been on a drinking party on the Quamichan reserve.

Officer O'Connell quoted Mrs. Sampson as saying: "There had been a drinking party at the home of my uncle, Solomon George. They run out of liquor and my uncle told me to go to Chew Deb's and get some liquor. At the Chinaman's I knocked on the gate and when he came to answer the knock Cecil hit him on the head with a bottle."

Mr. Sampson at first denied any knowledge of the murder of Chew, the officer said, but when confronted with his wife's statement said he went to Chew's house and asked for liquor on credit.

"Chew Deb refused, and reached down and picked something off the ground and made as if to strike Edna. It was then that a scuffle took place."

AMERICAN SOLDIERS and South Korean police form a human barricade in front of the Eighth Army Headquarters in Seoul as noisy demonstrators against the UN truce terms gather to voice their protests.



NORMALLY A DUSTY, bumpy ride, the correspondents' route from press headquarters to the truce talk site at Panmunjom turned into a water journey. Torrential downpours, flooding the area, turned every road into a hub-cap-high stream.

Pro-Con Promises 'Insult' To Intelligence of People

By The Canadian Press

Electors got another earful Wednesday from Canada's political leaders on taxes, trade and health, plus a new earful on labor.

Both Prime Minister St. Laurent and George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, are charging about Ontario campaigning for its basketfull of 85 seats. CCF leader J. M. Coldwell moved into British Columbia and also made recorded free-time political broadcast over the CBC network.

At St. Catharines, Mr. St. Laurent said Progressive Conservative promise of reduced taxes and increased social benefits is an "insult to the intelligence of the Canadian people."

"I can only say that the Conservative party is living in the 19th century. Political promises of that sort might have been believed then. Conservatives are indeed the most promising political party."

The prime minister said Progressive Conservatives had promised to reduce taxes by $500,000,000 a year and at the same time undertake programs which would cost about $1,000,000,000.

"If these programs were to be carried out, a Progressive Conservative government, instead of cutting taxes, might have to increase income tax collections 40 per cent, excise taxes 15 per cent and sales tax five per cent.

"It is an insult to the intelligence of the Canadian people to promise them great tax reductions which are completely negated by other promises which, if kept, would equal an amount two or three times the amount of proposed tax relief."

At Simcoe, Mr. Drew told an audience of about 500 that a government led by him would tell the United States it must abide by international trade agreements or Canada wouldn't.

As at Hamilton the previous night, he referred to U.S. trade barriers against Canadian goods, mainly farm products.

Earlier, at Brantford, Mr. Drew said that if his party is elected, his first move as prime minister would be to go to Britain to try to increase Canadian exports to sterling markets — an "urgent necessity."

Dealing with the Liberal argument that he couldn't cut taxes, Mr. Drew said: "A child of 10 who couldn't work out arithmetic on that would not be allowed to pass examinations. We can do it by stopping waste, extravagance and inefficiency."

At Kimberley, Mr. Coldwell said a CCF government would introduce a national labor code establishing maximum hours of work and minimum wages. This code would also lay down minimum age for employment and provide for paid holidays and for equal pay for men and women for equal work.

The CCF leader said the Liberal government had failed to provide an effective national labor code.

If an emergency arose, the federal government was helpless and provincial governments, being unable to act together uniformly, were powerless.

Obstruction Charge Dismissed

Charge of obstruction of a police officer in the execution of his duty against Frederick Faulkner was dismissed by Magistrate W. D. Vance in police court this morning.

The case was the second arising out of the arrest Saturday night of 59 persons by RCMP on charges ranging from intoxication, obstruction and causing disturbances.

Police testimony stated that Faulkner, asked to "move on" by Const. Irving, replied, "Why should I?" and was arrested with some difficulty.

Faulkner and two other defence witnesses asserted that he asked the police to "wait a minute" while he got an explanation of why he was being arrested.

Neither prosecution nor defence could establish whether the accused was warned that he was about to be placed under arrest.

Mrs. Willa Ray, for the defence, asserted that the police had not acted in the execution of their duty and asked dismissal quoting the cases of Rex versus Cooke from Canadian criminal cases and Red versus Sutherland from B.C. Law Report.

Magistrate Vance said that an element of doubt existed in the case and therefore the advantage was with the accused. He warned Faulkner to help the police in the future.

"The police are having a hard enough time as it is," he said. "It is the duty of every citizen to assist them."

Board Anxious To Keep Services

Faced with a deficit of $30,000 this year in operating costs of the Prince Rupert General Hospital, the hospital board has asked for a representative of the BCHIS rate board to make a complete study of the situation.

Unless economies can be made or financial help received, the hospital will have to reduce its services.

In reporting this today, R. G. Moore, hospital board chairman, said the management had done everything it considers possible to keep costs at a minimum and still maintain efficiency. The present staff of 99 is thought to be the least it can employ, although BCHIS makes provision for only 92.

While capacity of the hospital is estimated to be 104, the number sometimes goes above that and this month hit 125.

Judging from the records of other hospitals, the board considers that the standards of operation locally are well in line with the rest of the province.

"The board is anxious to keep the services of the hospital at their present level and, to do so, must receive adequate financial support for its present staff," Mr. Moore said.

"We are co-operating with BCHIS in every way to reduce costs and feel that if a survey of the hospital could be made by a member of the BCHIS rate board, we would be in a better position to judge whether we are operating efficiently or not."

He said the board is responsible for seeing that hospital facilities are available for use of the public in this area.

"Therefore, we intend to keep the public informed of difficulties as they arise."

J. D. McRae, finance committee chairman, said the hospital was operating at a loss in spite of the fact that the wage picture was better than estimated for this year.

He placed cost of operations for the year at approximately $300,000. Basic daily rate for patients with B.C. hospital insurance is $11.30 which is covered by BCHIS in the form of semi-monthly grants to the hospital. Rates for patients without this insurance are slightly higher.

Although the request to the BCHIS to send a representative was made by letter, the hospital board also referred the problem to Premier W. A. C. Bennett during his visit here to speak at the Social Credit meeting last night.

Accident Case Adjourned

A further remand was asked by the prosecution when the case arising out of an accident Saturday, July 18, at the corner of Third Avenue and First Street, in which five persons were arrested, was heard before Magistrate W. D. Vance yesterday afternoon.

The Crown asked for the adjournment as several witnesses were still unavailable.

Due to the fact that several of the accused have to get back to work, Magistrate Vance set the next hearing for August 5, or earlier if convenient.

Out on bail of $100 each are Kenneth Bruce Harris, charged with resisting arrest, driving while not holding a driver's licence and driving while his ability to do so was impaired; George Norman Turner, charged with resisting arrest, intoxication and driving while impaired; Vina Turner, charged with obstruction of a police officer while in execution of his duty and intoxication; Henry Tait, charged with intoxication, assaulting a police officer; Andrew Derreck, charged with intoxication and assaulting a police officer.

Offices Close On Saturdays

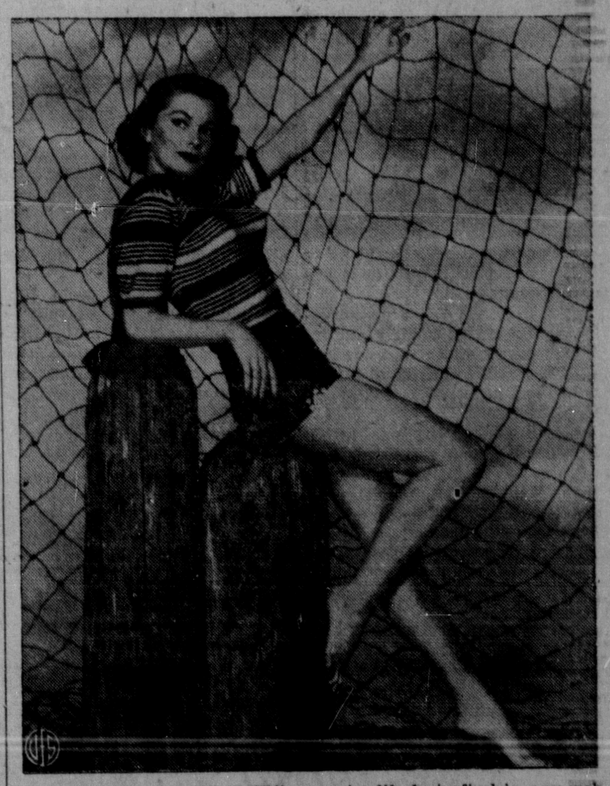
Effective August 1, provincial government offices will be closed all Saturday with the exception of the gold commissioner and mining recorder's office which will be open 8:30 a.m. to noon, and the land registry office which will be open 10 a.m. to noon.

The step is taken in accordance with inauguration of the five-day week for provincial employees. Starting Monday, those employees affected will work week-days from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

—WEATHER—

Forecast

North Coast Region: Cloudy today and Friday with a few sunny periods in the afternoons. Not much charge in temperature. Light westerly winds reaching 15 over exposed waters. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 52 and 65.



AS PRETTY AS A "SPIDER" as you're likely to find in any web, actress Joanne Dru looks properly smug after capturing the affections of 299 sailors aboard the U.S.S. Boxer. Joanne scored a landslide victory in Our Navy magazine's contest for August Pin-Up Queen when the Boxer's men mailed in their mass vote.