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Spectacular Sea Island Blaze Destroys RCAF Hangar, Planes

Three Cansos Saved In \$2,000,000 Fire

VANCOUVER (CP)—A giant RCAF hangar and the six aircraft it contained were destroyed in a spectacular fire at the Sea Island base near here Thursday night which caused damage estimated at close to \$2,000,000.

The 180-foot square frame building was a total loss. Only smouldering rubble remained less than three hours after the blaze broke out.

Cause of the fire is not known. An air force investigation will be held today.

No one was in the hangar at the time. The flames were first spotted by an off-duty RCAF policeman.

Wing Cmdr. C. S. McDonald said damage might run to "at least \$1,000,000" but other air force officials set the figure at approximately \$2,000,000.

Base firefighters had no chance to check the fast-moving flames. Exploding oxygen tanks and gasoline in the aircraft shot the blaze out of control within 30 minutes.

SAVE NEARBY HANGARS

The fire hoses were concentrated on two nearby hangars which were threatened for a time.

The billowing flames attracted scores of people to the scene and police were forced to cordon off main highways and bridges over the Fraser river leading to the base.

First reports said a number of jet aircraft were housed in the razed No. 3 hangar but this was later denied by RCAF officials. None of the five \$500,000 Vampire jets on the base were endangered by the fire, they said.

Fourteen pieces of fire-fighting equipment were called in, including two crews from the Vancouver fire department, eight miles away.

Most of the aircraft destroyed belonged to the air, sea, search and rescue squadron on the base.

They included two Expediter Beechcrafts, one Lancaster bomber, two Otters and one helicopter. There were 2,000 gallons of gasoline in the Lancaster's tanks.

THREE PLANES SAVED

Three Cansos, sitting in the doorway of the hangar when the fire broke out, were hauled to safety by airmen who rushed to the scene.

FO Kent MacCallum described an attempt to pull the Lancaster out of the hangar:

"We had it almost to the door and then the tail caught fire. We had to leave it and make a run for it."

Air force personnel succeeded in rolling out 900 gallons of oil stored in barrels in the hangar. Tanks containing 50,000 gallons of high octane gasoline are located 225 yards from the hangar.

One of the first officers on the scene was Flt. Lt. Clare Angus,

public relations officer at the station. "Flames were soaring along the rafters when we went in," he said. "You've got to hand it to the boys, it took courage to go in that fire after the planes."

Photographer "Manhandled" At Fire Scene

VANCOUVER (CP)—A newspaper photographer said today that RCAF police "manhandled" him and tried to seize his camera after he had taken pictures of the \$2,000,000 RCAF hangar fire here Thursday night.

Photographer John McGinnis of The News-Herald said the only reason he wasn't put in the guardhouse was that it "was locked and they apparently did not have the key."

"But they handled me more roughly than I've been 'handled' by anyone during seven years of taking news pictures."

McGinnis' charges were contained in a front-page story in today's News-Herald.

Photographers from other newspapers were "furious" at being kept outside the main gate of the RCAF station while the fire was in progress, he said.

CBC ALLOWED IN

A CBC television camera truck was "waved straight through the gate when it arrived on the scene," McGinnis said.

The photographer said an air force policeman who seized him while he was taking a picture used obscene language and demanded that he turn over his camera. McGinnis refused.

McGinnis said he and two other News-Herald reporters climbed over a six-foot barbed-wire fence to get near the hangar when they found the main entrance clogged.

New Labor Code Law on August 1

VICTORIA (CP)—B.C.'s new Labor Relations Act will be put into effect by proclamation by Aug. 1, Labor Minister Lyle Wicks said Thursday.

And he said there was a possibility the act would be proclaimed before that date.

Labor charges that the government would be afraid to proceed with the act Mr. Wicks termed "ridiculous."

"We are just working out the administrative details," he said.



WEAK to stand, this baby camel, only a few hours old, lies beside its mother to be milked. The mother camel arrived only recently at Hamburg's (Germany) Hagenbeck Zoo.

Demand Indian Participation Geneva Conclave on Indo-China

BY GILMORE — An informed source said Russia has de-

would be the U.S., Russia, Britain, France, Red China, representatives of the Vietnam and the three French-sponsored Indo-China governments of Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos.

Most observers already have written off any chance of a Korean settlement as hopeless. The proposals of the Communists and the West are as far

apart as they were in 1948 when the United Nations first approved its plans for unification of the divided peninsula by UN-supervised elections.

There appears to be a bit more optimism on the Indo-China question, perhaps because Russia so far has raised no demand which the French have been disposed to fight.

AMERICA, JAPAN TO TRADE INFORMATION ON FISHERIES

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada, the United States and Japan have agreed on a free exchange of scientific knowledge of fisheries resources in the North Pacific.

This agreement resulted from preliminary discussions among the three countries at Washington last February when the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission was established.

A report on the talks was made public Thursday by Dr. Stewart Bates, Canadian deputy fisheries minister and first chairman of the new commission.

Manhunt on In \$10,000 Bank Raid

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP)—Police, led by a search dog, circled out from a garbage dump here Thursday, hunting three men who escaped with more than \$10,000 in the daylight robbery of a Royal Bank of Canada branch.

First reports, that four men had been involved, were discounted by police.

The powerful, late-model luxury car, stolen for the occasion, was found abandoned atop the dump 2½ hours after the hold-up.

The bank had been open for business only five minutes Thursday when the trio entered. One stood by the door and the others leaped the main counter, forced five customers and nine employees to lie on the floor and rifled three tellers' cages.

Luck rode with the gunmen when Jack and Bill Bogart, standing across the street, saw men with guns inside the bank.

Bill, 21, tried to start his car to block the escape vehicle and Jack, 19, ran toward the bandit car, standing empty with its motor running at the curb, to steal the keys. But before they could do so, the three raced out and drove away.

The gunmen's faces were muffled with silk-stocking masks. They missed a \$2,000 payroll lying in an envelope on a counter and dropped another \$1,500 behind the desk.

Bob Haley, just pulling up as the men ran past him, chased their car, but lost it at 80 miles an hour as it headed towards Vancouver, 12 miles north of here.

Manager A. G. Oliver said it was the bank's first holdup since 1947 when five men escaped with \$6,000.

Fishing Harbor Planned in '55

OTTAWA (CP)—The government expects to complete next year a \$914,000 fishing harbor at Vancouver. Works Minister Winters said Thursday.

Land has been purchased from an Indian reservation at a cost of \$90,000 and work is being delayed until an agreement is reached with the Vancouver harbor commission for administration of the fishing harbor, he said during Commons study of public works estimates.

Treats will be handed out to the children by the Kinsmen during the afternoon.



BRUCE MacLEAN, 23, (left) was charged with murder in the drowning last August of his 20-year-old wife. He was charged four hours after being released on bail on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences from Sylvia Davies, 20, (right) of Port Colborne. Police investigated a claim that MacLean boasted to Miss Davies, to whom he was engaged, that he drowned his wife Elizabeth in a "perfect crime" when he upset their canoe. The death was termed accidental at the time.

New Eight-Section Float Dresses Up Waterfront

Completion tonight of a newly-designed float at the Home Oil dock will add a "new look" to the Prince Rupert waterfront.

The new float, described as "a model of safety" is 165 feet long and 10 feet wide. Barney Wick, oil company agent, said today that the float was designed and constructed by Art Kristmanson. The new structure will be floodlit for safety purposes.

Hand-picked spruce logs averaging 29 inches in diameter have been used as a foundation, and the float has been built in eight sections to take care of sway, twisting or bucking from rough weather and high seas. Other structural features are 8- by 14-inch caps, 4 by 6 stringers, 2 by 12 decking and a 4- by 6-inch bull rail.

Superintending work on the float is Primo Vaccher, foreman of the Skeena River Piledriving Company.

Local Highway Restrictions Lifted Today

Half-load restrictions on trucks travelling Highway 16 between Terrace and Smithers have been lifted, W. R. Meighen, resident public works engineer, announced today.

Daily closures on the Skeena River bridge east of Terrace also have been lifted, following completion of replanking.

Dropping of restrictions on truck hauling applies only to the Terrace-Smithers section, said Mr. Meighen. Limits are still in effect on the paved portion of the highway between Smithers and Telkwa.

"The highway is passable for all vehicles now. It isn't in the best of condition yet but has improved greatly in the last two weeks," Mr. Meighen reported.

\$2,000 Damage In Seiner Fire

VANCOUVER (CP)—Fire which broke out from a battery charger in the 44-foot seine boat Ray Jon caused an estimated \$2,000 damage here Wednesday night.

Her owners, Ray Steffich and his father John, were absent when the fire broke out.

WEATHER

Forecast
North Coast Region: Sunny today clouding over this evening. Cloudy Saturday with intermittent rain northern sector Saturday afternoon and evening. Milder Saturday. Light winds increasing Saturday afternoon to southeast 20. Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy 33 and 48; Sandspit 35 and 48; Prince Rupert 35 and 45.

League Work Bees

Two work bees are the week end which Little Leaguers of Little Leaguers work mitts on instead of gloves.

morning at 9:30 is for the boys and girls at Algoma Park where league schedule will be soon. League of-

as many boys as out with rakes and (rakes) to clean debris, broken glass and also to collect cans donated by Col-

Parents are asked Saturday in a super-

been set for fathers to help Little

and tin snips needed to at-

at 6:45 members of team are asked to practice at Gyo-

Annual Inter-School Sports Scheduled For May 24 Here

Plans are forging ahead for the second annual Kinsmen May 24 Kiddies sports day and inter-school competition at Roosevelt Park, Curly Barbour, sports committee chairman said today.

Grass Fires Boost Total

A rubbish fire at 12:05 this afternoon, the second within 24 hours, brings to 13 the number of such fires tackled by the Prince Rupert fire department this month.

The blaze, caused when burning rubbish at 1144 Ninth Avenue East spread to tinder-dry grass, was quickly brought under control. Yesterday a similar incident took the department to Eighth and Fulton.

An overheated stovepipe at 805 Comox Avenue was blamed for a house fire which caused slight damage to the roof yesterday afternoon.

To date the department has answered 23 fire calls this month.

Army Accused of "Tailing" Senator McCarthy's Staff

WASHINGTON (CP)—Senator McCarthy today said he has "persistent reports, tips and rumors" that the army is shadowing his staff and witnesses in his controversy with high army officials.

Backed in this by Roy M. Cohn, chief counsel to his investigations sub-committee, the Wisconsin Republican senator said in an interview in advance of today's televised hearings into the row that he wants the sub-committee, which he has stepped off temporarily, to find out whether these rumors are true. They were discounted by two of the army principals in the case.

The army contends that the Stevens-Schine photo was "doctored" by removing at least one person originally in the picture. Schine said that was true, but he didn't know who had done it.

He was called to testify now only about a photograph of him and Stevens, introduced at the hearings earlier. The McCarthy side contended that this photograph helped back up its claim that Stevens was friendly with Schine at the very time that Stevens now says McCarthy and his aides were improperly putting pressure on him in Schine's behalf.

McCarthy and Cohn in turn have accused Stevens and his aides of seeking to get the senator's sub-committee to halt or divert a search for subversives in the army. There have been denials on both sides.

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A NEW GUINEA native shows a type of giant lobster which he has just caught in Geelvink Bay, off Dutch New Guinea, with his homemade fishing outfit. The government of The Netherlands is conducting an intensive program to develop the country's resources and its people.

Terrace Club's Charter Presentation Attended by Prince Rupert Rotarians

Presentation of its charter to Terrace Rotary club yesterday boosted to 63 the number of clubs now in Rotary District 151 and marked another milestone in Rotary history.

The charter was presented to Terrace club president Neil McKerracher by District Governor Dr. W. Bruce Gordon of Courtenay and was witnessed by Rotarians from Prince Rupert, Ketchikan, Smithers, and Burns Lake.

The new club was outfitted for all occasions by the visitors, with Tommy Black of the Prince Rupert Rotarians presenting them with the gavel, Ketchikan providing the American flag, Prince George the Rotary wheel, Burns Lake the speaker's stand and Ken Warner of Smithers the Canadian flag.

A highlight of the evening was the surprise presentation by

Prince Rupert sergeant-at-arms Bob McKay to Terrace sergeant-at-arms Pat Phillipson of a king-sized club to keep order among the members. It was alleged that the red coloring on the knob was the blood of recalcitrant members.

Prince Rupert's president A. P. (Tony) Crawley was chairman for the important meeting and Rev. M. W. O'Connell gave the invocation. Toast to The Queen and the president of the United States was given by S. D. Johnston.

Tony Crawley also gave an address of welcome and told members of the Terrace club how much the district appreciated the formation of the new club. A. Kirkaldy, representing the Terrace village commission, also addressed the meeting. Ralph Bartholomew of the Ketchikan club spoke to the assembled members after the recess.

Vocal solos were given by Mrs. Harry Seaton and a sing song was led by Bill Wellings. Miss Lorna Melvin was accompanist.

On the executive of the Terrace club for this year are Ben Dodds, vice-president; Bill Wellings, secretary; Tom Rose, treasurer; Pat Phillipson, sergeant-at-arms. Directors are Duncan Kerr, Jack Cook, Ed Kenney and Tom Rose.

Charter members of the club include Neil McKerracher, Ben Dodds, Bill Wellings, Tom Rose, Ed Kenney, Dunc Kerr, Jack Cook, Pat Phillipson, Claude Dale, Les Davy, Gerry Duffus, Tommy Fraser, Ernie Gooden, Roger Hicks, Paul Kaubek, Geoff Lambly, Mike Michiel, Jim Smith.

New members are Lloyd Evans, Lloyd Johnstone, Morgan O'Connell, Harold Smith, Eric Tugwell, Harry Tupper, Don McLennan and Tommy Marsland.