

Says Sandspit Crash Fatalities Unnecessary

Emergency Precautions Would Have Saved Lives

Flying Experts Present Views at Inquiry in Seattle

Seattle (CP) — Recommendations were made Friday by the Air Lines Pilots' Association to forestall another tragedy like the crash of the plane in waters off Sandspit January 19 with loss of 36 lives.

They were offered at the close of the Civil Aeronautics Board inquiry into the accident by Donald L. Leonard, pilot for Northwest Air Lines which owned the plane and representative of the pilots' union.

Leonard said testimony indicated that the Air Line had complied with regulations for government trans-Pacific and overwater flight but said his organization felt these recommendations should be adopted:

Life rafts be carried by all planes in overwater flight in such a way that they can be jettisoned on contact with the water.

Sparkproof flashlights be installed inside the plane for ready use if the plane's lights should fail.

Such emergency precautions, Leonard said, could have prevented any fatalities in the Sandspit accident.

Only seven persons survived the landing a mile off shore. Others were drowned or died of exposure.

FIELD SATISFACTORY

The American Federation of Labor Air Line Pilots Association official told the Civil Aeronautics Board that the pilot of the Korean airlift plane used good judgment in trying to make an emergency landing at Sandspit, January 19.

Leonard said Sandspit "is a good enough place to land in any type of emergency."

Food Prices Drop Index

OTTAWA — Decreases in the indices for food and clothing during the month of February offset increases in fuel, light, rent and home furnishings and contributed to the overall drop of 1.7 points in the general cost of living index which stood at 190.8 on March 1.

The index reached its highest peak of 191.5 last December. February was the second consecutive monthly decline in the price barometer, based on 1935-39 prices equalling 100.

It was the biggest drop since 1942, when the index declined 1.7 points.

The February decline followed a drop of seven-tenths of a point during January.

—WEATHER—

Synopsis

A diffuse disturbance moved slowly across the province this morning. Widely scattered showers attend its passage and cooler weather follows. It will have passed over British Columbia by Sunday afternoon.

The southern interior will enjoy another fine day today but cloudiness will increase on Sunday and temperatures will be a little lower.

Other regions will be mostly cloudy and slightly cooler with the exception of the northern interior where it will be noticeably cooler tonight.

Forecast

North coast: region — Southern section, overcast with occasional light rain today. Cloudy with scattered showers Sunday. A little cooler. Light winds. Remainder of region a few clouds today and Sunday with scattered showers along the mainland coast. Continuing cool. Light winds. Low tonight and high tomorrow — at Port Hardy, 35 and 45; Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 30 and 45.

—TIDES—

Sunday, April 6, 1952
High 11:10 17.5 feet
23:43 18.2 feet
Low 5:10 8.2 feet
17:25 5.7 feet

Fisheries Officials Striving to Preserve Skeena River Salmon

Fisheries officials expect a big year for salmon on the Skeena River this season, considered by experts the best in two four-year cycles.

This optimistic view was given here today by A. J. Whitmore, provincial supervisor of fisheries, on a pre-season inspection tour. He added a less optimistic note when he referred to the next four-year cycle of Skeena sockeye, the spawn of which was tragically blocked last year due to a heavy slide in the Babine River, tributary of the Skeena.

That problem will constitute a major operation this year in northern B.C.'s fisheries, said Mr. Whitmore.

Throughout the winter months a small party of road men and a young engineer have broken trail to gouge a road out of the wilderness from Hazelton northward.

Today a passable road for heavy equipment stretches from the confluence of the Skeena and Bulkley Rivers to within ten miles of their objective—the Babine River slide.

When the obstruction has been reached, top Government engineers will investigate and determine the best course of action this year.

"We may be able to construct a small trench on one side of the slide to allow the fish to go up, or we may have to pass them over the slide by cable buckets," ventured Mr. Whitmore.

He will meet with two fisheries officers in Terrace Monday who have recently returned from a gruelling trip on snowshoes to the slide.

They made the second investigation of the slide since it occurred last August, blocking an estimated quarter of a million sockeye from their spawning grounds in Babine Lake.

Meanwhile, he referred to the new fish ladders at Moricetown Falls in operation when the

Fortunes in Sweepstakes

Quebec Man Wins \$140,000—Victorians Get \$70,000.

MONTREAL — Raymond Tremblay, ticket holder in Valleyfield, won \$140,000 top prize in the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes through holding a ticket on Teal which won the Aintree Grand National steeplechase. The lucky ticket was Number XC 17394.

El Rando was the ticket holder's name de plume.

H. W. Stevenson of London, Ont., and Porger Vaughan of Victoria, B.C., won second money of \$75,000 with tickets on Legal Joy which placed second.

There were no first or second place winners reported in the Army and Navy Sweep on the same place.

Tremblay is an employee of the Shawinigan Water and Power Corporation.

In the Army and Navy sweepstakes, S.S. L. Martin of Magog, Que., held a ticket on Teal, winning top money of \$37,500. Maurice Bedard of Charlebourg, Que., also took second money, \$22,500 with ticket on Legal Joy. Marcel Diggs, seven months old of Toronto won third, \$15,000.

"I bought the ticket for him because he is seven months old. I figured seven is a lucky number," said Mrs. Diggs. The money is all his. When he grows up a man he can spend it all if he wants to."

Costello Is Convicted

NEW YORK (CP)—The king pin gambler, Frank Costello, was found guilty Friday night of contempt of the Senate crime investigation.

Costello, 61, had sidestepped four federal government efforts to put him behind bars. The so-called prime minister of the underworld was tripped up only once before in 1915 when the state of New York jailed him for ten months for carrying a gun. He beat run-running, stolen jewels and tax charges and only last January 15 beat the same contempt charge on which he was convicted last night.

The jury, early this year, failed to reach agreement.

Costello, croaky-voiced star witness of the Senate committee's widely televised hearings here last year, is charged with ten counts of contempt.

Specifically he is accused of walking out of the hearing without permission of the committee. He faces a maximum of ten years in prison and fines of \$10,000. Judge Sylvester Ryan set sentencing for Tuesday.

'Boss' Again Nominated

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP) — Premier Byron Johnson Friday night was nominated unanimously by a Liberal meeting to again contest New Westminster in the coming provincial election.

The Premier said that British Columbia needs a government which inspires confidence of industry. He said the Liberal party appeal to the electorate will be based on "decent, honest, straightforward administration" and on achievements like the hospital insurance scheme.

Forty-four candidates have so far been nominated for the election. About 150 more will be chosen.

Of the 44, eighteen are CCF, 12 Progressive-Conservatives, eight Liberals, five Social Credit and one Independent.

Hockey Scores

Pacific Coast
Saskatoon 7, Tacoma 1. (First game best-of-five series.)
Victoria 3, New Westminster 1. (Best-of-seven series tied 3-3.)
Allan Cup
Trail 5, Edmonton 4. (Over-time) (Edmonton leads best-of-seven series 3-2.)



RAT. BOTHER POLICE—The Ottawa Police Association has protested against 'filthy conditions' at the capital's No. 1 police station. It charges rats the size of small house cats have invaded the guard room where policemen eat their lunches. Two policemen are shown at the rear of the station. In the background is Ottawa's War Memorial, the East Block and the Parliament Buildings. (CP PHOTO)

Ghastly Tragedy in Railway Yard

A man believed to have been a logger employed by the Kelley Logging Co. at Beattie Anchorage, Cumsheewa Inlet, Queen Charlotte Islands, met ghastly death in the Canadian National Railway yards here about 1 o'clock afternoon. Identity is requested withheld from publication pending notification of relatives.

Old Country FOOTBALL

English Cup Semi-Final
Chelsea 1, Arsenal 1 (tie)
English League, Div. 1
Aston Villa 4, Fulham 1
Blackpool 1, Bolton Wanderers 0
Derby 3, Middlesbrough 1
Huddersfield Town 2, Preston North End 0
Manchester City 1, West Bromwich Albion 2
Portsmouth 1, Manchester United 0
Sunderland 1, Charlton Athletic 1 (tie)
Wolverhampton Wanderers 1, Burnley 2
Amateur Soccer, International
England 3, France 0
English League, Div. II
Barnsley 1, Nottingham Forest 1 (tie)
Blackburn Rovers 1, Birmingham City 4
Bury 1, Sheffield Wednesday 2
Coventry City 2, Everton 1
Hull City 3, Leicester City 1
Luton Town 2, Leeds United 1
Notts County 0, Rotherham United 3
Queens Park Rangers 1, Cardiff City 1 (tie)
Sheffield United 1, Brentford 4
Swansea Town 1, Southampton 1 (tie)
West Ham United 3, Doncaster Rovers 3 (tie)
Scottish League, Div. A
No games scheduled.

Crash in New York

Ghastly Air Tragedy Near LaGuardia Field

NEW YORK — A twin-engine cargo plane smashed into the heart of populous Queens, killing at least seven persons and possibly more. The big plane dropped from rainy skies, ripped through two buildings, then barreled into another, setting several structures aflame.

The plane was trying to make an instrument landing and fell short.

It swooped down out of the east. One wing slammed a cruising police car, killing Police Inspector Thomas Boyland.

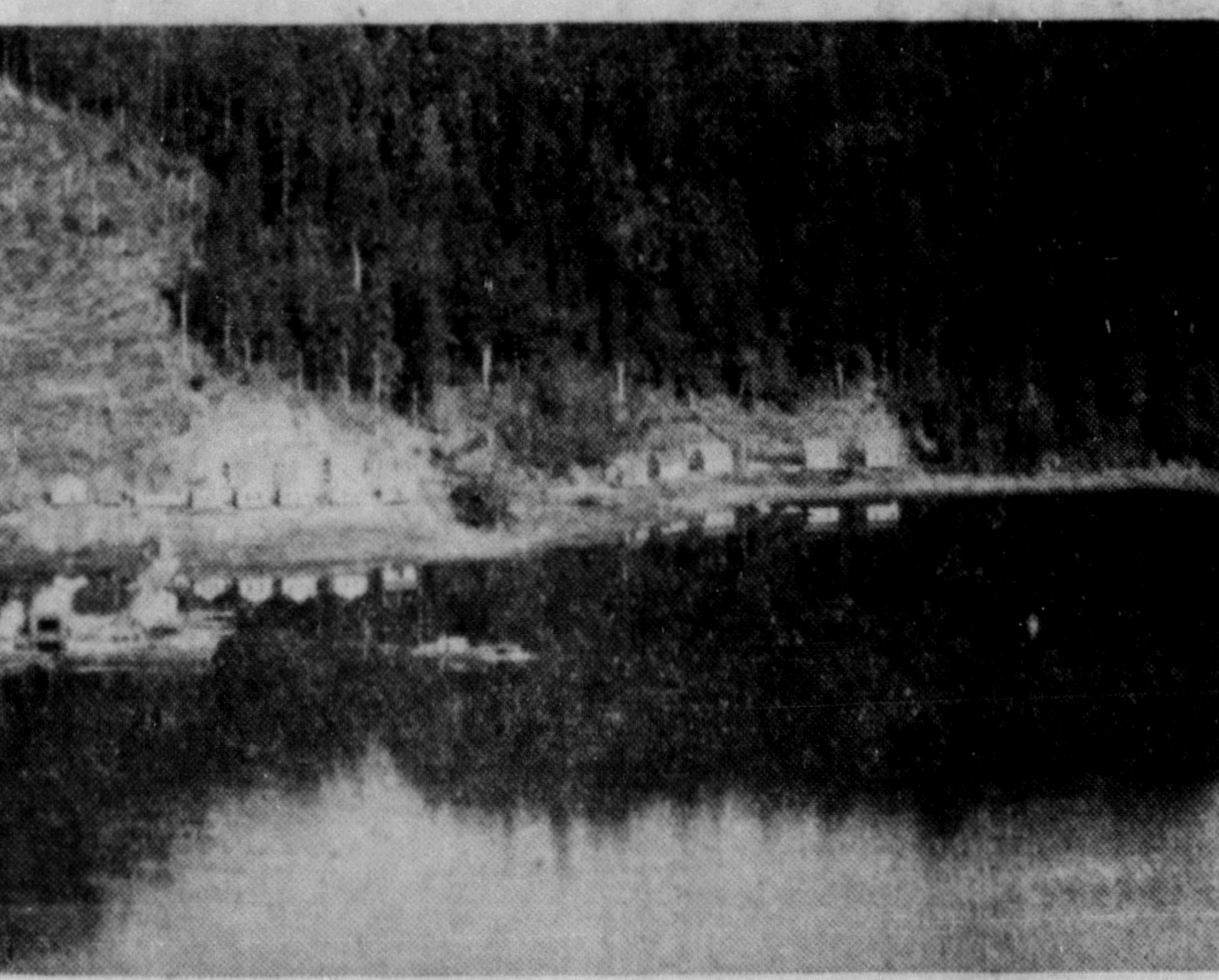
The crash was the fifth major air disaster in the greater metropolitan area in recent months.

James Arsenault and Richard Hedstrom returned to the city on the Canosun last evening from Kemano.

A Liberal nominating convention has been called for April 15 with a meeting of the local association to be held next Thursday night to appoint delegates. Mr. McRae has intimated that he would be willing to run again.

The Prince Rupert CCF Club Friday night decided to run a candidate and appointed a co-ordinating committee headed by Matthew Waters to find a candidate and report back to a later meeting. W. H. Brett, former MLA and Ald. George Hills are being freely mentioned as possible CCF candidates.

The Prince Rupert District Progressive Conservative Association has called a meeting for April 17 for the purpose of nominating a candidate.



LOGGING CAMP at Khutzmateen resuming operations for Columbia Cellulose after winter closure. To produce three million feet a month.

Columbia Cellulose Resumes Its Coastal Logging Operations

Logging Methods to be Adopted at Khutzmateen—ten million Feet Per Month

Logging operations of the Columbia Cellulose Co. are being resumed at the Columbia camp near the mouth of the Naas River, and by April R. L. Johnson, woods manager, expects 150 men working there producing three million feet of logs per month for the company's big mill at nearby Watson Island.

December 15 when winnowings caused the closure of the camp after its first operation.

The camp will augment its other major supplies of logs—namely Terminus Inland, whence logs now flowing into the Naas River at a rate of 8,000,000 feet per month over the National Railways, re-railway cars per

stockpiled at the mill. By summer it is expected that the inventory will be built up to four months' supply.

During the past few days camp opening crew was moved into Columbia camp by the company's supply boat D. H. McDougall. Queen Charlotte Air Lines aircraft will be used to take in the most of the crew of 150 by the end of the month.

This season the company will be employing more men at Columbia camp with a view to making larger production.

A new phase will mark the operation there this year. So far the logs have been produced and dumped direct down the hill-sides on either side of Khutzmateen Inlet by means of high lead, cold deck and "A" frame. Now truck operation is to be instituted and for that purpose roads will be constructed. The camp will remain in the same location as at present.

Steep grades are involved in the rugged and precipitous terrain around Khutzmateen. This year no more than two miles inland will be essayed. Within ten years there may be a fifteen mile penetration into the virgin areas of timber there.

A. E. Mosher is logging superintendent at Columbia camp

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