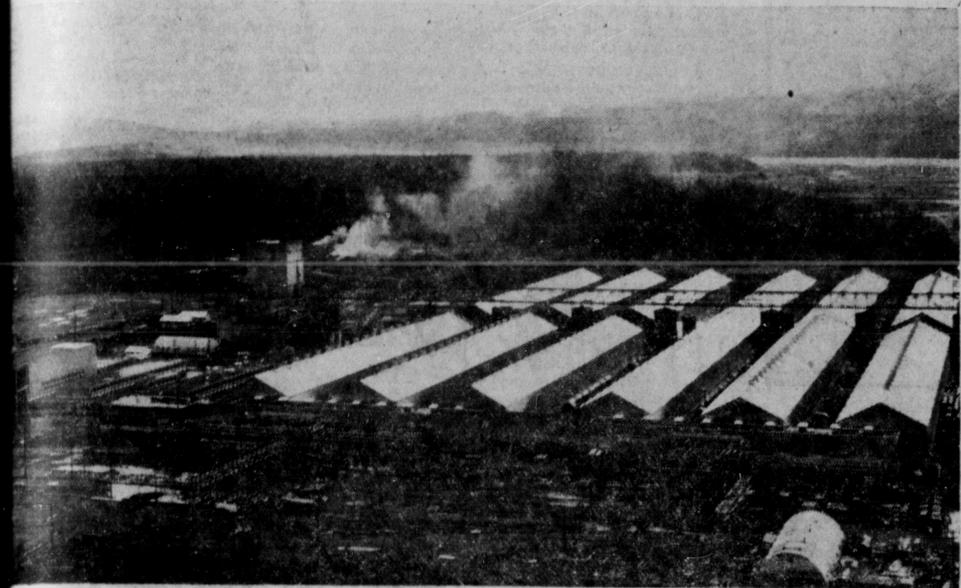


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BEST PICTURE of the giant Aluminum Company of Canada plant at Kitimat shows the main plant, seven miles from Kitimat townsite. Six peaked buildings dominating the scene are under construction. Alumina will be stored in huge sheds (not shown) and brought in on overhead conveyor, centre. A paste plant, already in operation, is shown at extreme left.

Development plans for the Kitimat project call for additional pot lines to be added to the left of the completed pair. Picture was taken about a month ago, and construction on new pot lines is underway. Power for the giant plant will be brought in from Kemano to the left of carbon paste plant to sub-stations, foreground. It is expected power will be turned on next month for trial.

Local Fishermen Reject Salmon Price Proposals

98 Per Cent Say No In Deadline Voting

Prince Rupert District fishermen this morning flatly rejected the latest offer on 1954-55 salmon prices proposed by the Fisheries Association of B.C.

At a joint meeting of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union and the Native Brotherhood of B.C. held at the Legion Auditorium this morning, the membership voted by a 98 per cent majority to turn down the offer.

The Fisheries Association's latest offer as a guaranteed minimum price per pound for sockeye salmon is 21 cents, one cent less than last year's price. The union is asking 23 1/2 cents.

Northern representative of the UFAW, Tom Parkin said this morning that the result of the vote here indicates strongly that a strike of fishermen will take place.

The Skeena salmon season opens tomorrow at 6 p.m. and the fishermen have set the strike deadline for today.

Results of this morning's vote in Prince Rupert have been wired to the union's central headquarters in Vancouver and they include the outcome of a vote held last night by fishermen at Porcher Island, Mr. Parkin stated.

Other results of voting on the operators' offer at camps on the Queen Charlottes, Wale's Island on the Naas, Kincolth and other northern points which are voting independently will be wired directly for tabulation in Vancouver.

Final compilation of the vote of fishermen along the whole coast of B.C. should be known by late afternoon, Mr. Parkin said.

Chairman for this morning's meeting at the Legion was Bill Beynon of the Native Brotherhood. Also attending were two district Native Brotherhood vice-presidents, Charles Dudoward of Port Simpson and Harold Sinclair from the Upper Skeena. Separate 1954-55 contract negotiations, between cannery operators and the shoreworkers local of the UFAW have reached the conciliation stage.

Gas Pipeline Still Possible

VANCOUVER — New markets will be sought for production of Peace River gas wells.

California has been mentioned as a possible market now that Westcoast Transmission Company has been denied entry into the Pacific Northwest.

Premier Bennett today forecast only a "slight delay" in export of gas, while Frank McMahon, vice-president of Westcoast, was quoted in a New York interview as saying a bid may be made for California markets.

In Victoria, former Liberal premier Byron Johnson said if all private alternatives fail the B.C. Social Credit government should go in with Westcoast to build a pipeline to the lower B.C. coast.

"This project is so important to the welfare of B.C.'s economy, the provincial government should, if necessary, call a special session of the legislature to work out an arrangement with the company," he said.

Johnson said he does not favor the government underwriting pipeline bonds outright. But he is convinced that a government participation plan can be worked out with private capital that would assure the province of the development it needs.

French, U.S. Talks Mooted In 'Friendly Warning' Note

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON — Top-level French-U.S. talks on Indo-China, European defence, and other critical issues appeared possible today as a follow-up to the Eisenhower-Churchill meeting opening here next week.

This prospect was brought out Friday in a letter from President Eisenhower to French president Rene Coty and made public by the White House.

Eisenhower, noting he would be meeting informally with Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Eden the week-end of June 25, told Coty

that he looked forward "to re-summing with the government of France such intimate conversations as I have had in the past."

The letter was regarded by diplomats as a gesture of friendship and reassurance by the U.S. leader in advance of a meeting in which the French will not participate, and at a time when the government of France had come into the hands of a new premier, Pierre Mendes-France, of whose ideas U.S. officials have in the past been critical.

The Eisenhower message was considerably more than an action of friendship, however, because in carefully constructed language it warned the French that so far as the United States is concerned time is running out for ratification of the proposed European Defence system in which Germany would take part. WANT UNITED DEFENCE

The message advised the French government, moreover, that while the United States remains deeply interested in forming a "united defence" against Communist forces in Indo-China it is reserving the right to judge what might be done under any future decision.

"In Indo-China our nation has long shown its deep concern by heavy financial and material aid which continues," Eisenhower wrote. "The proposals for a united defence which we submitted to M. Laniel the previous French premier represented on our part a momentous and grave decision."

"Nothing has happened here to change the attitude thus expressed, even though the lapse of time and the events which have come to pass have, of course, created a new situation. Eisenhower said he wanted to assure Coty that a pledge of support concerning EDC which the U.S. gave Laniel April 16 still stands "and will continue available" to Mendes-France.

Guatemala Rebels Hold Two Ports 'Liberator' Plane Strafes Capital

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — Two strategic Guatemalan seaports were reported in the hands of invading anti-Communist "liberation army" forces today.

Local informants of the liberation army identified the two ports as Puerto Barrios on the Caribbean and San Jose on the Pacific.

The army, under command of former Guatemalan army Lt. Col. Carlos Castillo Armas, said two inland towns also may be in control of the invaders.

These towns were identified as Zacapa, which lies near the Honduras border between Puerto Barrio and Guatemala city, and the smaller town of Retalhuleu, in the southwest corner of the country near the Mexican border.

The informants said, however, that if the Guatemalan army has sent reinforcements into San Jose and Puerto Barrios the invaders may have been pushed back from initial gains. But, they added, no setbacks thus far have been reported.

NBC correspondent Mac Bannell reported in a Tegucigalpa broadcast heard in New York this morning that the invaders then held about a third of Guatemala. He said two planes had machine-gunned the presidential palace in the capital.

The invasion was the culmination of a long-standing effort to unseat the Communist-backed government of President Jacobo Arbenz Guzman.

There are reports here that Castillo Armas, who has been in Guatemala since the invasion began to lead his liberation army personally. But his movements have been kept secret and his headquarters twice has postponed without explanation a promised statement by the 40-year-old resistance leader.

The latest report of fighting inside Guatemala was at Quezaltenango, a good-sized city about 80 miles due west of Guatemala city.

The "liberation" troops, which attacked Guatemala by land, sea and air Friday, were reportedly locked in bloody combat with defending forces at four important cities. There also were reports of internal uprisings throughout the embattled country.

Eduardo Castillo, a Guatemalan delegate to the United Nations, announced in New York Friday night his government had protested to the Security Council against the "criminal invasion of my country."



ONE THAMES COMING UP! —With Tower Bridge rising in the background, Stewardess Annelise Harvey scoops a tankard of water from the River Thames in London for shipment to New York. The aqua will be used at the naming of the largest civil aviation servicing hangar on the Atlantic seaboard, at Idlewild Airport in New York City.

Yemen Attack Aden Village In Protest

ADEN, (Reuters)—A force of 100 to 150 men from the Yemen attacked a village in this British protectorate Friday and was repulsed only after day-long fighting, it was announced today.

Four of the attackers were killed and many injured, the announcement said.

The Yemeni force, which allegedly included an unspecified number of regular troops, crossed the border near Assoma and attacked the village of Martaa in the Audhali sultanate.

The Yemen strongly oppose a British-sponsored plan for a federation of the sheikhdoms comprising the protectorate.

WEATHER

Forecast

North Coast Region: Cloudy today and Sunday a few showers this afternoon and evening, little change in temperature. Winds easterly 25 in exposed areas off the Queen Charlottes, otherwise light. Low tonight and high Sunday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 45 and 55.

Modernization of Hospital Closer Tenders Called For Renovation

Modernization of Prince Rupert General Hospital drew a closer last night as the board announced it was for tenders today and for the renovation of hospital attic.

Tenders will be received for estimated \$35,000 project up Monday, July 5 when the board will hold a specification at 5 p.m. on that day tenders.

Construction project, announced last December, is part of a long-range plan to provide state facilities for the Rupert Area.

Project entails installation of modern X-ray unit and more space for nine beds on the top floor.

McRae, chairman of the committee announced receipt of two tenders for installation of equipment for the X-ray unit dark room. Competing firms were Canadian General Electric with an estimate of \$2,309.40 and Picker X-Ray Company of Canada with a bid of \$2,768.10. The board accepted the General Electric bid, subject to a one-third grant from the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service.

The board, at a previous meeting accepted a General Electric bid for the new X-ray machine and combination radiographic and fluoroscopic table, of a little more than \$18,000.

Also accepted by the hospital board was a bid of \$50,25 for an oxygen regulator by Canadian Liquid Air Company. The other bidder was Dominion Oxygen Company with a tender of \$55.

Extension of the elevator shaft to accommodate the new floor brought the board a problem which will see the hospital do without the elevator for five days during the five weeks necessary to make the change.

Doug Stevenson, hospital administrator told the board that the Turnbull Elevator Company had studied the problem from all angles and had informed him that while certain changes in the elevator were taking place it would have to be out of operation.

On advice from Dr. A. W. Large, the board agreed that the elevator company should be instructed to start acquiring the necessary material from Toronto in order that the new installation can be started in September. It was decided that during the time the elevator is not running, emergency patients will be moved to the top floor. In case of accidents where operations are necessary patients will be carried up by stretcher and if there is not room for them to stay there they will be carried down the same way.

No Need For Patients To Go Hungry

Husky patients of Prince Rupert General Hospital who may have a broken limb but an unretarded appetite don't have to go hungry.

Just ask for another helping, boys.

This was made clear at the hospital board meeting last night by administrator Doug Stevenson.

Mr. Stevenson, in answer to complaints passed on by director Norm Bellis, said that it was a standing order for ward maids when they collected trays, to ask the patient "have you had enough? And would you like some more?"

Mr. Bellis said that the meals, served in a most appetizing manner for patients who might be feeling under the weather, were a bit on the skimpy side for a "skookum" logger or fisherman, who might have a broken foot or arm, but still wanted "three squares a day."

Mr. Stevenson said the big meal of the day, with three courses, was served at noon and that the evening meal was usually a cold meal. However, he said, anyone that was still hungry only had to ask for more and they would get it.

French Premier Names Cabinet

PARIS (Reuters) — France's new premier, Pierre Mendes-France, today announced he has formed his cabinet with himself as foreign minister.

General Gen. Pierre Koenig was appointed defence minister and near-Radical Francois Mitterand minister of the interior.

Premier Mendes-France, 47-year-old left-wing radical, called in by President Rene Coty after the defeat of Joseph Laniel's 11-month-old government last week, presented his ministers to the president early this afternoon.

Anti-Vice Leader Shot to Death

PHENIX CITY, Ala. — Albert L. Patterson, who won Alabama's Democratic nomination for attorney-general on an anti-vice platform, was shot to death Friday night.

Patterson, 63, former state senator, was the counsel for the Russell County Betterment Association which has been fighting racketeering in Phenix City for years.

Police chief Pal M. Daniel of Phenix City said Patterson apparently was sitting in his parked car in the downtown area when he was shot twice in the mouth at close range.

City Man Fined

Joseph N. Cozart of Prince Rupert was fined \$200 and costs this morning in police court after pleading guilty to a charge of supplying liquor to an Indian. The offence took place last night.

PIONEER MISSIONARY'S SON MAGNUS EDGAR, 77, DIES

Magnus Edgar, 77, son of the Rev. George Edgar, one of the earliest missionaries on the British Columbia coast, died yesterday in Prince Rupert after a year's illness.

The body will be taken to Hartley Bay tonight for funeral services at the Hartley Bay United Church and burial tomorrow.

Well-known in this district, Mr. Edgar worked for more than 20 years as a blacksmith for the Sunnyside Cannery on the Skeena River. He retired three years ago.

Mr. Edgar was born in Port Simpson and is survived by his widow, Amelia, a son, Fred, a daughter Mrs. Irene Scully, two brothers Mark and Lewis and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren all in Prince Rupert.



STROLLING DOWN an aisle of cheese wheels, with his educated nose working full time, cheese-checker Aloys Kersten judges the quality of products exhibited at the German Agricultural Society's Fair in Munich. To keep the judges' noses operating efficiently, each judge is required to check only 40 cheeses and must step outside the building to sniff fresh air regularly to preserve his sense of smell.

Ontario Lands Minister Dies Suddenly

THURSDAY, Ont. — Hon. S. Gemmill, for two years Ontario's minister of lands and forests, died here Friday of a heart attack. He was 43.

Gemmill collapsed in his room shortly after addressing a Canadian Institute of Forestry regional meeting and within minutes.

His body was taken later in a hearse to Sudbury, where funerals will be held Monday.

Gemmill's death, shortly after he was scheduled to make a speech to Trout Lake three miles north of Sudbury, was a surprise to those who knew him as a tributes from political and industrial leaders throughout the province.

Mr. Frost said he was "incredibly shocked and saddened" by the news. "He died in the line of duty and in action at the forefront of activity while leading with his task."

Hard Spray Bombs Crowd Pomona Fire

POMONA, Calif. — Poisonous fumes released by a raging chemical fire that flamed brilliant colors Friday hospitalized four firemen and a man and sent nearly 100 persons for emergency treatment.

One of the firemen, Capt. John Appell, 43, was reported in poor condition from inhaling carbon monoxide fumes—a substance similar to the military's nerve gas.

Appell is used in fumigating citrus orchards. It was reported the fire and explosions leveled the half-block warehouse of the Charles E. Co. The owner estimated losses at \$200,000.

Five firemen, photographers, newsmen and spectators crowded the area by the bright chemical blaze needed an antidote, atropine.



IT'S A PURE CASE of motherly love, as this female dachshund cuddles against an abandoned donkey colt. When the colt's mother left it, the dog began to stay close to the baby, as if to make sure it wouldn't grow up without affection. This example of animal affection took place in Berlin, Germany.