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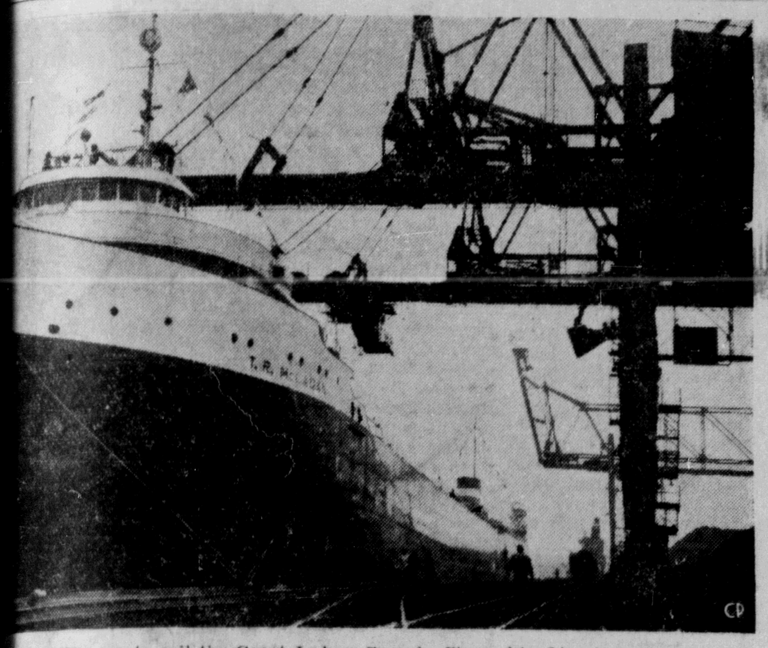
Recruits must be 14 years old.
"Building Citizenship"

Radio-'Phone Service Planned For Vancouver, Kitimat, Rupert



EST SHIP ever to sail the Great Lakes, Canada Steamship Lines' new ore carrier an unloads at Hamilton, Ont., a record cargo of iron ore. The cargo of 18,609 tons, st ever to arrive at The Steel Company of Canada, Limited. Named after the CSL, the 25,000-ton vessel is 715 feet long. The vessel is also the fastest, having a ed of 17 knots as compared with 12 knots for most of the CSL fleet. (CP Photo)

System Reported Interference Free

Establishment of a VHF radio-telephone service from Vancouver to Kitimat and Prince Rupert is planned by the North-West Telephone Co., Miles Green, radio engineer for the company, reported here yesterday.

Speaking to a group of officials interested in radio communications for this area, he explained that this tie-up would give the northern points a radio-telephone service to the south not subject to atmospherics or other interference. Uninterrupted service is maintained by a series of relay stations which at present reach to the north end of Vancouver Island. The system is so devised that a number of conversations can be carried over the chain at the same time.

PART OF PLANS

Mr. Green said the project was part of the plans which his company and its associate, the B.C. Telephone Co., have in mind following their recent purchase of the Canadian government's telephone system west of the Rockies.

"Our company is also considering taking over from the department of transport the VHF radio-telephone link between Prince Rupert and Masset," he added. "This would involve acquiring the department's radio-telephone station on Mount Hayes at Prince Rupert. The company would then install VHF equipment at Queen Charlotte City to serve logging operations in the area and also provide a link between Queen Charlotte City and Sandspit, connecting with the link which is already operating between Sandspit and Prince Rupert."

TO IMPROVE SERVICE

In addition, Mr. Green said, his company will endeavor to improve medium frequency service to points reached from Prince Rupert. This will include a study of conditions which now find ship-to-shore communications interrupted by radio traffic out of Astoria, Washington and Ketchikan.

"We are investigating the desirability of moving our medium frequency sending and receiving stations from Prince Rupert to Massett in order that medium frequency waves will be able to reach into the long inlets more readily, with less obstruction from mountains," he explained. "If this change is made, it will mean that the medium frequency ship-to-shore and Prince Rupert local network stations will operate through the equipment at Massett and be relayed back to Prince Rupert via a VHF link."

He said the intention is to establish Prince Rupert as the main communications point on the northern coast through which all traffic will be funnelled. He added that to maintain reliable communications it will be necessary to maintain the services of full-time technical operators in this area.

Company officials with Mr. Green were B. R. Abram, commercial superintendent; Maurice Fitzgerald, technical supervisor, and Douglas Monell and Norman Creighton, technicians. The meeting followed a dinner given by the company at which Mr. Green was introduced by Mayor George Hills.

Drew Raps Government On Jobless

Says Efficiency Not Practiced

LONDON, Ont. (CP)—George Drew, Progressive Conservative party leader, said yesterday the only suggestion made by the federal government to deal with unemployment and reduced sales is that industries should increase efficiency.

"It makes no effort of any kind to do the same thing itself," he told some 600 delegates to the Western Ontario Progressive Conservative annual meeting here.

He said the bureau of statistics reports 770,000 persons either unemployed or only partially employed.

He advocated a "committee of experts" to examine the "whole organization of government" and estimated it could effect a saving of close to $700,000,000.

This saving could have the effect of reducing individual taxes as well as rapidly increasing employment from the production that would follow reduction in sales and excise taxes, he said.

Both Mr. Drew and Premier Leslie Frost of Ontario spoke of organizing for possible coming elections.

"We cannot afford to be complacent," said Premier Frost.

"There is always so much to do and so little time to do it in."

IN FIGHTING TRIM

Mr. Drew told western Ontario Progressive Conservatives to get their organization "in fighting trim as soon as possible."

Mr. Drew said "not a single bushel" of the 1953 wheat crop has been sold and the situation would get worse if this year produced a "better-than-average crop."

Unemployment was increasing but the federal government appeared not to have heard about "unemployment in the textile industry, the electrical equipment industry and other large employers."

The Conservative leader told the convention the federal government seems to think there is nothing to worry about which will not be cured by efforts of the United States.

"I have very great respect for the United States, but I believe it's the job of Canadians to tackle their own problems," he said.

DENNIS FISHER, 13, of Blytheville, Ark., found good use for a toy doll's bottle. He feeds his new pet baby squirrel milk from it every day. Dennis found the wee creature near his home recently after a large tree was cut down.

As-You-Go Plan Not For Rupert r Hills Explains to Gyro Club

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Listing the problems facing Prince Rupert in order of importance, Mayor Hills said the first was the water system, second was sewers, third was roads and sidewalks, fourth was public buildings such as the city hall and fire hall, and fifth was recreational facilities.

He pointed out that Prince Rupert's terrain, with its muskeg and rock, presented a difficulty in maintenance and construction work not common to most other cities.

"The only way we can improve the city is to tackle first things first," he said. "Taxpayers will usually pass a referendum, but it is a different matter when it comes to fixing the mill rate."

The mayor also urged an improvement in the city's standard of living, both morally and culturally. He said that public support should be given not only to those officially tagged with civic responsibility but to the many others working towards the same end.

The speaker was introduced by Cliff Ham and thanked by Bill Lambie.

LICENCE TO DRIVE SCOOTER NOT SO EASY TO ACQUIRE

The Motor Vehicle Branch caused Theresa Pfeiffer some confusion this morning, and at the end of it, she was still getting around town by Shank's mare.

Theresa owns a motor scooter, and what's more she wants to use it. She filled out the licence forms at the court house, and was sent up to the city RCMP detachment office for a driver's test.

There's no room for two people on a motor scooter and the regulations call for persons applying for driver's licences to be able to drive a car.

Theresa can't drive a car, and the scooter is still stored.

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North Interior Woodworkers Seek Six-Cent Hourly Boost

VANCOUVER (CP) — Two thousand northern interior woodworkers will seek a six-cent hourly across-the-board wage increase this year.

The workers, members of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO-CCL), will also ask seven other major contract changes.

The 1954 wage demands will be handed to northern operators "shortly," IWA district president Joe Morris announced yesterday.

Negotiations normally get under way about June 1 for northern woodworkers. Last year there was a 99-day strike in the northern districts.

Other demands for the 1954 contract include pay for all statutory holidays; additional union security; the 40-hour, five-day work week; a job retention clause; wage scale revision; full day rates for piece workers, and an earlier contract termination date.

Following last year's strike, the unionists were granted a 5½-cent hourly increase plus maintenance of membership on an industry-wide basis.

The settlement formula was worked out by Judge A. E. Lord of Vancouver, government-appointed conciliator.

TCA, Air Force To Share Airliner Damage Claims

OTTAWA (CP) — Trans-Canada Air Lines and the RCAF will share responsibility for life and property damage in the two-plane collision over Moose Jaw, Sask., April 8 that cost 37 lives.

The mid-air crash, Canada's worst flying accident, has resulted in a joint inquiry by civilian and military authorities that will attempt to ascertain whether Canadian flying regulations, particularly those bearing on the Moose Jaw disaster, should be tightened.

The announcement came yesterday from Trade Minister Howe when he gave the Commons an interim report on incomplete investigations into the crash by the transport department, TCA and RCAF.

He indicated the TCA North Star had the right-of-way over the air force Harvard trainer, but that did not relieve the air liner's pilot of the responsibility of keeping a lookout to avoid collision.

Mr. Howe, who reports to Parliament for TCA, said the publicly-owned air line has assumed responsibility for claims arising out of the death of the 35 passengers aboard the North Star. The air force would settle damages for life and property on the ground.

CIVILIAN INQUIRY

Informants said the civilian end of the air-regulations inquiry will be handled by the government's air transport board; the service section by the RCAF.

Mr. Howe said Canadian policy has been to avoid unnecessary flying restrictions, particularly in good visibility. Canadian restrictions, however, were constantly reviewed and in some cases were more rigorous than those of other countries.

THE WEATHER

Forecast

North coast region: sunny with cloudy periods today and Friday. Little change in temperature. Winds light. Low tonight and high Friday at Port Hardy 38 and 55, Sandspit 42 and 50, Prince Rupert 42 and 55.

Briton Runs 4-Minute Mile

OXFORD (CP) — The myth of the invulnerability of the four minute mile was shattered today in Oxford, England, by a 24-year-old medical student.

England's fleet-footed Roger Bannister covered the measured distance in three minutes 59.4 seconds to become the first man to run the four minute mile. His feat, long sought by runners the world over, has been often neared but never accomplished and is comparable to breaking the sound barrier in aeronautics.

EQUALLED SECOND MARK

In making his record-breaking run, Bannister also equalled the world's 1,500 metre record of three minutes 43 seconds.

Bannister was completely exhausted when he finished and had to be assisted from the track.

Canadians may have a chance to see Bannister this summer, as the young medical student has been entered in the British Empire Games being held in Vancouver July 30 to August 7.

Assault Case Sees $500 Bail Set By Court

Bail of $500 was set by Magistrate W. D. Vance in police court this morning after Don Cottrell had been charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm to his employer, Oscar Johansen.

The bail figure was set after prosecutor Bruce Brown asked that it be fixed higher.

"I don't know the background of the defendant," Mr. Brown told Magistrate Vance, "but I ask the court to witness the condition of the plaintiff."

"The attack was violent and I ask that bail be set at a reasonably high figure.

Mr. Brown led the battered plaintiff forward. Mr. Johansen's right eye was almost completely closed, the vision of the left eye appeared impaired and his face was swollen.

Defence counsel Jerry Pettenuzzo asked for a remand in the case, as he had not yet had a chance to interview defence witnesses.

After a short discussion as to the best time for all parties concerned, Magistrate W. D. Vance remanded the case until tomorrow morning at 10:30.

Barry McLeod, charged with intoxication and creating a disturbance in a public place was fined $10 and costs or in default seven days in jail and on the second charge, $15 or seven days.

Self-Appointed Police Chief Told To Disband 27-Man Force

MONTREAL (CP)—A diminutive 19-year-old youth who organized his own 27-man police force was freed today by police with a stern warning to disband the unit.

Aurele Beaulieu, five-foot two-inch resident of suburban Ville St. Laurent, drove up to the provincial police station Tuesday night in a siren-equipped car bearing the inscription "police" on the door. He volunteered the services of his recruits to act as guards on Laurentian beaches.

He was booked on a charge of impersonating an officer of the law, but Det.-Capt. Leopold Trottier, chief of provincial police detectives, later decided to drop the charge.

"I think it would be a shame to give the boy a criminal record just because he showed lack of judgment," Capt. Trottier said.

"I blame more the people who helped him," he said.

The police officer said a Ville St. Laurent bank manager who is a commissioner of the Superior Court had sworn in the "chief" and his 27 men as special constables. A parish priest allowed them use of his church hall for meetings.

All the group's equipment was confiscated. Captain Trottier said it included a revolver, chrome-plated handcuffs "better than the ones we have," badges, identification cards, nightsticks, blackjacks and a siren and flasher on Beaulieu's car.

Beaulier, a butcher by trade, was ordered to remove the police inscription from his car.

Driver Fined On Liquor Count

Burton Loucks, taxi driver, pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawfully keeping liquor for sale and was fined $400 and costs by Magistrate W. D. Vance in police court yesterday afternoon.

As a similar case had been up before Magistrate Vance the previous day, city prosecutor T. W. Brown, QC, did not reiterate his prosecution of the day before.

The vehicle, seized at the time of the offence, was returned to the owner, and the liquor was confiscated.

Gerry Pettunuzzo appeared for the defence.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON (CP) — The House of Representatives today approved the St. Lawrence seaway legislation, thus ending the long fight to authorize U.S. participation with Canada in building the international project. As accepted the measure provides $105,000,000 in revenue bonds for the construction of the U.S. share.

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and operating rev- ed $32,412,109 as 728,699 for the three- d in 1953.

Man in Hospital After Shooting

A Prince Rupert man was taken to Prince Rupert General hospital at 7 o'clock this morning suffering from a gunshot wound.

RCMP, who were called to the Inlander Rooms shortly before, are investigating the shooting.

Condition of the wounded man has not been divulged.

THIS NEW MUSKEG TRACTOR, developed to make possible year-round prospecting for oil in the vast, moss-covered bog-land or muskeg which covers much of northern Canada, is able to run on surfaces too treacherous to support a man. The tractor is equally adept at fording muddy stream beds as this picture shows, climbing hills, surmounting timber obstacles and negotiating narrow trails. The tractor is expected to double or triple the speed of petroleum prospecting in the muskeg. (CP Photo)