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## Making Another Appeal for Housing

Chamber of Commerce Gives Assurance of  
Applications Being Forthcoming

City Council remained unswayed after an hour's special meeting last night thrown open to the public on the housing question but the city council will make another appeal to Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation who have shelved a 50-unit project if 100 signed applications for homes are received.

Mayor Whalen took "a great deal of exception" to criticism of the housing project, expressed by Duncan McRae. The city had started the project in the first place, more than two years ago, and had hammered at it repeatedly.

"Then finally, 'the city as a third partner in the venture, is left out in the cold. Other city organizations get wires about this and that in connection with housing but we are not contacted at all. We haven't even been advised that the project has been shelved. This advice was received by a local contractor."

At the very time that the local contractor received the letter of advice the project had been shelved, provincial housing authorities were advising the city a 10-day extension of the tender term was being requested from contractors, said City Clerk R. W. Long.

Does It Cost So Much To Build Homes Here?

housing representative that bids for the homes averaged \$11,000 each. Built in Vancouver, the same type of home cost \$7,300 each.

"That's the point on which the Chamber of Commerce should be working... to try and find out why our building costs are 40 percent higher than they are anywhere else," declared Ald. Hills.

Speaking from the jam-packed public floor in the council chamber, Alex Robertson, engineer, declared the "high-priced housing scheme is totally unsound."

"If you are building homes for the higher income class, they don't need them. They can build their own homes here for less."

Idolizing Should Be Done By Federal Gov't.

authenticity of the 100 applications the organization would submit to the city, but all applications would be "carefully screened."

Duncan McRae said he did not think people should be obligated by filling out a survey form (whether they would be prepared to pay \$75 a month for a house), but that such an application "was only a means of attaining a consensus of opinion."

"Anyone filling out the forms must surely be obligated," retorted Ald. Casey. "We don't want a bunch of names off the street, and then find out nobody really wants to rent these homes. That is a lot of bunk!"

Other suggestions submitted in the debate by aldermen: A cheaper type of home, along the basis of the wartime home construction; construction on the present outlined basis of only one section of the three section project, i.e., the 20 homes in Section II area.

One Man Government

Bolton Named Head of Band

The annual election meeting and planning of year's expenditures was held in the office of F. E. Anfield, Indian Superintendent, who said the band was considering a move back to their home reserve in the near future.

Because the band was dependent on fishing for their livelihood, they had sought a reserve near the source of the Skeena River. Now the Kalum natives feel they would prefer their own reserve.

Their argument against the popular type of band government, chief councillor and councilmen—is in their small numbers. The band places "implicit trust" in the one man elected to consummate all its business transactions, says Mr. Anfield.

of the small band, totaling 75 persons, is the reserve, surrounding the River at the Skeena near the Kitsumkalum band.

The band is considered one of the wealthiest in the Skeena River Agency. Considerable amount of timber on the home reserve has been

## Win Probe Of Prison

RAHWAY, N.J. — Sixty-nine weak but surly convicts filed out of the print shop at Trenton State Prison Friday, ending a 77-hour revolt, but sympathy with the mutiny of 231 inmates continued at Rahway prison farm 40 miles away.

Trenton convicts gained one objective of the rebellion—an impartial investigation of the prison.

As the Trenton mutineers surrendered, three prison employees they held as hostages were whisked away to their homes. They are reported in good condition.

At Rahway, R. William Lagay, superintendent of prison farm, said he believed the mutineers will be ready to negotiate surrender before long.

More Pay for City Executives

City administrative officials were granted a \$35-a-month increase last night by city council instead of a 13 percent increase recommended by the wage committee. The move was opposed by two aldermen.

Ald. George Huns led the debate for the accepted increase saying that any greater salary hikes would put the superintendent of works, telephone, city clerk and fire chief in the \$5,000-a-year bracket which he considered "just too much money."

Aldermen Michael Kreuger said "it is only fair that the executive members of civic employees get the same all-round increase as the rest, which is an average of 13 percent."

Ald. Darrow Gomez sided with Ald. Kreuger. He pointed out that the city was "getting away cheap" not having to hire a city engineer with a superintendent of works taking on the job.

With the present increase, civic executives will receive a little more than \$400 a month.

Old Country FOOTBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE Division I

Arsenal 4, Stoke City 1. Aston Villa 2, West Bromwich Albion 0.

Blackpool 2, Manchester United 2. Chelsea 4, Burnley 1.

Derby County 1, Newcastle United 3. Portsmouth 1, Preston North End 2.

Sunderland 3, Middlesbrough 1. Wolverhampton Wanderers 2, Fulham 2.

Division II

Barnsley 1, Doncaster Rovers 1. Blackburn Rovers 3, Nottingham Forest 2.

Coventry City 0, Sheffield Wednesday 2. Hull City 4, Brentford 1.

Luton Town 2, Cardiff City 0. Notts County 5, Birmingham City 0.

Queens Park Rangers 1, Leicester City 0. Sheffield United 1, Everton 2.

Swansea town 4, Leeds United 1. West Ham United 4, Southampton 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE Division A

Aberdeen 1, Rangers 1. Airdrieonians 3, East Fife 1.

Non-League Matches

Queen of the South 0, Raith Rovers 3. Stirling Albion 5, Falkirk 0.

Cowdenbeath 2, Dundee United 5.

Trans-Pacific Service Again

MONTREAL (CP) — Canadian Pacific Steamships announced Friday the company will resume in August the trans-Pacific freight service that had been disrupted by the Second World War. Two Beaver ships, now operating on the Atlantic run, will be transferred to the Pacific to open the service.

With Vancouver as home port the freighters will provide a monthly service, commencing August 31 between Tacoma, Vancouver, Yokohama, Kobe, Manila, Cebu in the Philippines, Hong Kong and return.

## EDITORIAL— Sign Application

As we suggested editorially yesterday, getting the houses is now the thing in Prince Rupert. Much hinges on whether or not the 50-unit housing scheme goes through.

The housing application form, which has already been published twice, is being run again today in the Daily News.

We think it advisable to make an urgent appeal to all persons who are in need of housing in the city to consider this questionnaire very seriously. If they think it would be helpful in solving their problem, they should fill it in without delay and transmit it to the City Hall, a Chamber of Commerce member, the Daily News, or some place where it will be assured of sure delivery to the proper quarters.

The community has been put flat up against the necessity of definitely establishing to the satisfaction of the authorities the need of housing here.

Chamber of Commerce, City Council—everybody in fact—agree on the dire need—it is so apparent.

Certainly, no stone should be left unturned in this housing campaign. The signing of these applications might well turn the trick. It seems as simple as that.

Omaha Menaced Again By Missouri Rampage

OMAHA (CP)—The runaway Missouri hurled a new menace today at Omaha while its muddy torrent smashed levees, engulfed farms and spread destruction downstream for 200 miles.

The biggest flood in the Missouri valley history ran almost uncontrolled into northeastern Kansas, driving families from their homes in growing numbers in Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.

The damage and flood-fighting costs are mounting into uncounted millions.

A new threat to Omaha developed suddenly last night when pressure from the raging river tide blew out a sewer line leading into the low land industrial area. Army engineers rushed hundreds of workers into the fight to seal off the sewer line at the mouth. Army engineers have estimated that the Missouri will roll up \$13,500,000 damage toll in the area from Rulo, Nebraska, to the mouth of the river at St. Louis.

Big Leagues

Dodgers, Indians And Browns Win

NEW YORK (CP) — Brooklyn Dodgers and Cleveland Indians, favored to clash in the 1952 world series, and the amazing St. Louis Browns scored their fourth victories without defeat Friday as the majors staged their secondary openers.

Games in eight cities attracted 223,432 fans, compared to 143,079 who witnessed six openers Tuesday. Poor weather and postponement of two games held Tuesday's crowds down. Handy Andy Pafko blasted a home run in the twelfth inning, his second of the day and third of the season, to give the Dodgers a 7-6 victory over their arch-rivals, the New York Giants, before 31,032 fans at Ebbets Field.

Bob Feller, with help from Bob Lemon, pitched Indians to a 5-0 six hit victory over the Detroit Tigers before 56,068 fans at Cleveland. The triumph was Feller's 21st of his career.

Browns rewarded a turnout of 12,573 fans at St. Louis by thrashing the Chicago White Sox 7-1 behind the five-hit pitching of Duane Pillette.

Con Marrero, ageless Cuban right-hander, spoiled the opening day for the Yankees by pitching the Washington Senators an 0-3 decision over the world champions, before 45,240 fans in New York.

Boston rallied for three runs in the ninth inning and shoved another home in the tenth to nose out the Philadelphia Athletics 5-4 to the delight of 12,338 Red Sox fans. Clyde Volmer singled home Rookie Faye Throneberry with a run.

Chicago Cubs came up with four runs in the ninth to shade the St. Louis Cardinals 5-4 before 20,396 rooters at Wrigley Field. Pinch hitter Bill Serena doubled home tying and winning runs.

Sid Gordon and Willard Marshall socked ninth inning homers to give the Boston Braves a 3-2 victory over the Phils before 15,911 fans at Philadelphia.

Bob Friend pleased a crowd of 29,874 fans at Pittsburgh by pitching Pirates to a 3-0 five-hit victory over Ewell Blackwell and Cincinnati Reds.

Motherwell Cup Winner

GLASGOW (CP) — Motherwell defeated Dundee 4 to 0 today in the final of the Scottish soccer cup.

## Looking for More Thefts

OTTAWA (CP)—Large scale Petawawa thefts are being checked from coast to coast by the Department of Defence to try and see if they are being emulated in other camps of all three services.

Already charges have been brought against one army captain and four civilians engaged in the junk business, for theft, fraud and conspiracy.

Authorities say more arrests are coming up but no depreciable reports that losses involved come near \$1,000,000.

Warrants were sworn out last night for two more men said to be involved in the investigation.

Authorities say an extensive check in other military camps will be made in an attempt to smoke out any parallels of incidents at Petawawa, 118 miles northwest of here.

Would Boost Steel Wages

WASHINGTON (CP)—The Secretary of Commerce, Charles Sawyer, on Friday, fired an ultimatum at the government-seized steel industry with the announcement that he will boost steel workers' wages unless a settlement is reached by next Monday or Tuesday.

Sawyer said he is going ahead with plans for a wage increase because it has been impossible to obtain an industry-union agreement which would "get the government out of the steel business."

Steel industry lawyers are prepared to go into court the instant Sawyer tries to grant the steelworkers a raise over the management's head. They are expected to argue there is no warrant for such action in the constitution or laws.

Saskatchewan Floods Easier

REGINA (CP) — The flood situation eased on Friday in Saskatchewan as unofficial estimates placed flood damage in the province this spring at \$1,000,000 of more.

In the southwestern part of the province run-off waters from the Cypress Hills continued to diminish.

At East End, 50 miles southwest of Swift Current, where almost all of the 800 residents were forced out by rampaging Frenchman Creek, the town is almost free of water and clean-up operations are under way.

At one time water up to three feet gushed through the town.

Hospital Heating Plant Seen By President as No. 1 Need

Dr. L. M. Greene, new president of the board of directors of the Prince Rupert General Hospital, in the chair at his first regular business meeting last night, named renewal of the hospital's heating plant as No. 1 project for the year.

He appointed Director Norman Bellis, R. G. Moore and Sid Elkins as a special committee to look after early calling of tenders so there may be no delay in getting the new plant built.

Instead of the originally contemplated \$40,000 to \$45,000 new building to house two 75 h.p. steam boilers, a new and less costly scheme to instal two 50 h.p. boilers in the present quarters is being considered.

Campaign will be reactivated to raise the remaining \$13,000 of the original \$75,000 modernization fund objective. Substantial federal and provincial grants will be made to augment what is spent locally on boiler house and boilers and other equipment added to increase patient capacity.

Other projects which should be taken care of this year, Dr. Greene said, included repairs to hospital grounds such as landscaping, driveway paving and painting of the hospital and old nurses' home.

The board decided to observe Hospital Day May 12, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth, with an open day at the hospital when the public will be received and escorted through the institution by married nurses of the city in uniform. There will be a tea by the Women's Auxiliary the same afternoon in the Nurses' Home.

Miss Elizabeth Clement R.N., lady superintendent, reported the hospital very busy these days with an occupancy of 103. As the normal capacity is 92, beds have had to be put in the corridors to handle the excess of patients.

The board once more appreciated the desirability of further opening into the new wing of the hospital.

Anti-Sub Weapons

VANCOUVER (CP) — A \$2,000,000 contract for the construction of anti-submarine weapons has been awarded to the Dominion Bridge Co. It is the first major defense contract to be awarded here. The project is to be carried out in the company's suburban Burnaby plant.

Announcement was made by naval intelligence. Details were not disclosed.

## Sign Applications, Urges President of Commerce Chamber

"It is imperative that all citizens realize the grave danger of the proposed 50-unit rental housing project being shelved permanently unless there are the required number of applicants," it was emphasized by T. Norton Youngs, President of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, this morning following a meeting of a Chamber delegation with the City Council last night.

Youngs announced that arrangements had been made for a further printing of rental application forms in the Daily News today. He appealed to all people who are interested in better housing to obtain one of these forms, discuss the matter with friends and then contact any member of the Chamber of Commerce for further information, if necessary, in connection with signing the application.

These applications must be bona-fide, said Mr. Youngs, although they were in no way binding. They should only be filled in by those who are sincerely interested in obtaining better housing.

Mr. Youngs fears that, should this project fail, any future hope of improved housing assistance would be lost to the people of Prince Rupert.

He stated that the Chamber of Commerce delegation had pledged themselves to the City Council to obtain at least 100 bona fide signatures on the approved application forms.

Mr. Youngs pointed out that the mayor and council had advised the Chamber's delegation that the city had signed up with the senior government but have now been required by the Dominion Housing authorities to submit the 100 applications from bona fide prospective tenants. The council stated that, if the 100 applicants could be obtained, they (the council) would continue to give their full support to the project.

Mr. Youngs said that the Chamber was confident that many more than the proposed 50 houses could be rented as soon as they were available.

Atlin Liberals Nominate May 1

STEWART—Liberal nominating convention for Atlin riding in the provincial election has been called for May 1.

Only candidate who is being seriously mentioned is W. D. Smith, former MLA.

Mr. Smith has intimated that he would accept the nomination.

Already in the field are Frank Calder, CCF, member of the last Legislature, and T. S. Mackay, Progressive-Conservative.

Malan Stays By His Guns

CAPETOWN (CP) — The Prime Minister, Daniel Malan, said on Friday his government is ready to test public opinion on the "Courts vs Parliament" controversy in the election next year.

Malan, who has challenged the power of the courts to invalidate parliamentary laws, dared his political opponents to make his policy a campaign issue. He said the government will use all available force to maintain law and order—in effect a warning against violent anti-government demonstrations.

Swift Current Menaced Again

SWIFT CURRENT (CP) — A new flood threat to Swift Current—earlier believed out of danger—is posed by the erosion at Duncan Dam, 25 miles upstream on Swift Current Creek. The concrete spillway, at the dam began to disintegrate late Friday. Complete disintegration would release thousands of tons of water from the reservoir and cause serious flooding here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Girdle arrived in the city on the Camosun last evening from Vancouver. Mrs. Girdle is staying over in the city to visit her daughter, Mrs. Frank Skinner, while Mr. Girdle, who is a mining engineer, makes a trip to Queen Charlotte Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith are sailing tomorrow night on the Camosun for Vancouver to attend the British Columbia Liberal convention next week.