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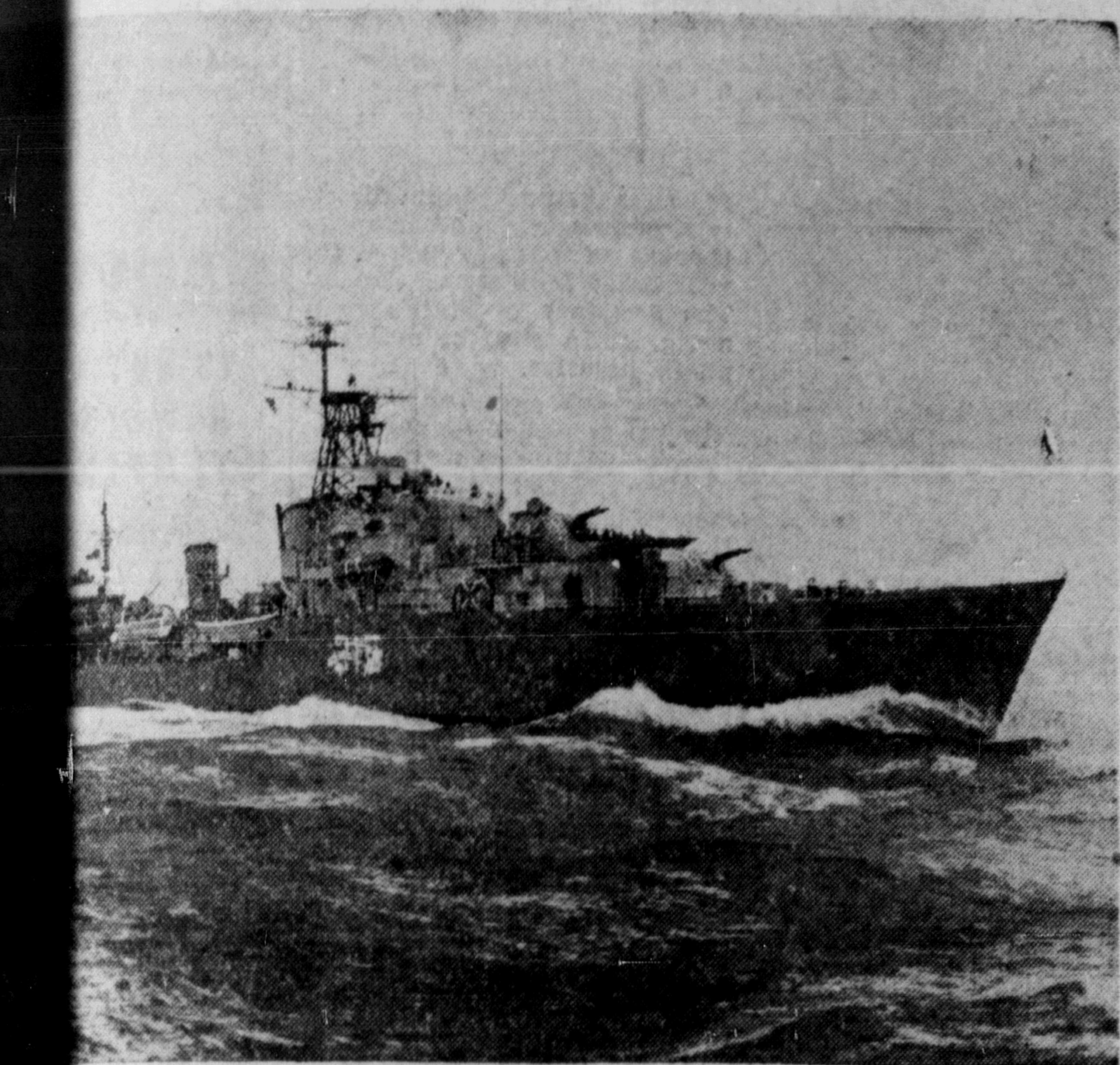
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The Sioux, which has completed two tours of duty in the Korean theatre, is arriving here April 2 for a four-day visit, in the course of a west coast training tour. The Sioux will berth at the CNR dock.

Increased Aid to Aged and Blind, Cuts Forecast in Throne Speech

Legislation to increase the lot of both pensioners and the blind will be introduced from the throne. The government is considering such legislation and it was reported the provincial government would split the cost of this pension 50-50 with the federal government in providing pensions for disabled persons. The federal government is considering such legislation and it was reported the provincial government would split the cost of this pension 50-50 with the federal government in providing pensions for disabled persons.

MATTHEWS REPLACES SHANTZ AS B.C. DEPUTY SPEAKER

VICTORIA — L. Hugh Shantz, member of the legislature for North Okanagan, has been replaced as deputy speaker of the British Columbia legislature. Alexander Small Mathew, member for Vancouver Centre, has been appointed deputy speaker. Premier Bennett said today there was no significance in the change from Mr. Shantz. Mr. Shantz said: "It is apparent the premier does not want me. But I am still a Social Creditor."

Manslaughter Charge Follows Death of Doctor's "Soulmate"

VANCOUVER — A Vancouver doctor was remanded for a week Tuesday when he appeared in police court on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of his "soulmate" wife last Nov. 30. Dr. R. D. Rush, whose arrest followed a six-week investigation into the bizarre case touched off by a coroner's jury last Jan. 6, was released on \$5,000 bail. The jury found that the doctor's wife, Margaret, died of natural causes but that her husband was "guilty of gross negligence."

All Varieties In Fish Pact

VANCOUVER — The United Kingdom's \$5,000,000 purchase of canned British Columbia salmon Tuesday will consist of 220,000 cases of sockeye, pink and coho, the fisheries association of B.C. disclosed Tuesday night.

The contract was negotiated by Sir Andrew Jones, British food ministry representative in Canada who immediately left here for Seattle to complete a smaller deal for American salmon.

The statement followed an announcement by the association that this may be the final bulk salmon purchase by the British government and that in future trading may be done on a private basis.

World-Renowned Artist Here Present Concert Tonight

Barbara Ann Scott, world-renowned Canadian figure skater, will present a concert of her own compositions tonight at the Prince George. The 27-year-old woman died in hospital last night after a brief illness. She was admitted to hospital Monday afternoon.

City-Terrace 'Copter Service Being Studied By Government

CCF Ignores Senate Rites On Pay Hike

OTTAWA (CP) — The 23-member CCF party has boycotted a ceremony in which royal assent was given to legislation boosting parliamentary pay to \$10,000 from \$6,000.

Fourteen CCF members last night stayed behind while the rest of the House went to the Senate to hear royal assent given to 144 bills, including the pay increase measure.

Earlier, Stanley Knowles (CCF, Winnipeg North Centre) asked that royal assent be postponed. He said it was "inappropriate and unfair" to interrupt a Commons debate on unemployment while members went to the Senate. Speaker Rene Beaudoin ruled him out of order.

CCF members who made the last protest against the pay increase included two who voted for the measure on third Commons reading: Thomas Barnett (Comox-Alberni) and Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East). The others were:

Mr. Knowles, Hazen Argue (Assiniboia); Angus MacInnis (Vancouver Kingsway); R. R. Knight (Saskatoon); Colin Cameron (Nanaimo); G. H. Castleden (Yorkton); Fred S. Zaplitzky (Dauphin); Mervyn Johnson (Kindersley); E. G. McCullough (Moose Mountain); Erhart Regier (Burnaby-Coquitlam); H. A. Bryson (Humboldt-Melfort) and A. M. Nicholson (Mackenzie).



FREEMAN GOSDEN (left) and Charles Correll, the 'Amos 'n' Andy' dramatized the story of their phenomenal careers on their 26th anniversary broadcast last Sunday on CBS-Radio. Top picture above was taken on their premiere broadcast in 1928; lower picture shows the comedians as they take the air today.

Collection Cans Set Out For Kinsmen Polio Drive

Annual drive to aid polio victims is well under way here and Kinsmen Club officials today said response even at this early date is encouraging. Quota has been set at \$2,000.

Cans have been placed in most downtown stores and those missed are expected to receive their cans today.

Bill Bond, chairman of the drive, pointed out today that 90 per cent of the money donated to the B.C. Polio Fund is distributed in the interests of B.C. polio victims.

"Up to 10 per cent can be called for by the National Foundation for emergency relief in other provinces but when not needed for this purpose, most of the monies is returned in the form of grants to support research and other preventative measures."

Polio took a heavy toll across Canada last year and researchers are working harder than ever to try to find the cause of the dread disease.

Canada counted 401 deaths in 8,574 cases during 1954, compared with 301 deaths and 4,757 cases in the previous year.

Of the total 26 deaths occurred in B.C. from 787 cases. Equipment valued at thousands of dollars has been purchased to treat polio victims and the Kinsmen recently set up an endowment of \$25,000 at the University of B.C. to help establish a chair of neurological research.

Send donations to: The B.C. Polio Fund, Box 151, Prince Rupert.

WEATHER

Forecast

North coast region: Gale warning over. Cloudy with showers of rain or wet snow today and Thursday. Little change in temperature. Low tonight and high Thursday at Port Hardy 35 and 40; Sandspit and Prince Rupert 30 and 40.

Request For Airport Believed Shelved

Plans to inaugurate a helicopter service between Prince Rupert and Terrace this year instead of starting construction of an airport on Digby Island are being studied by the government.

This was disclosed today in a telegram from E. T. Applewhite, MP for Skeena, to Norton Youngs, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce airport committee, and brought immediate criticism from leading businessmen.

General consensus was that the 'copter service would be of no great benefit to Rupert and indicates that the government once again is going to shelve this city's request for an airport.

Mr. Applewhite's telegram said the service is planned because of "major difficulties including the present lack of roads and other facilities."

"Surveys conducted on Digby Island last summer indicate construction would be very expensive and a long job. It is by no means ideal as to its own topography or that of the surrounding area. However, further and more detailed consideration will be given."

"It would seem obvious," the wire continues, "that the best conceivable results would take a minimum of three to four years, so an immediate helicopter connection with Terrace seems the best possible interim measure."

One of the city's most ardent backers of an airport here, Lou Felsenthal said "it looks like we've been left at the post again."

GIVEN RUN AROUND

"We've been pressing for an airport for more than 15 years and all we get is the run around. This east-west idea may be all right, but what we need is an airport here."

More than a dozen other businessmen agreed that a helicopter service to link Rupert with Terrace and other eastern cities "is a far cry from what we have been requesting."

The Chamber of Commerce, which has for years advocated construction of an airport here, so far has not received the report of the survey conducted by government engineers here last summer, and Mr. Applewhite's remarks about it were the first indication that it may now be in the hands of the government.

Mr. Youngs said a helicopter service will help east-west travel but could not be expected to help flights between here and the south to any great extent.

Canadian Pacific Airlines at present do not operate out of Terrace, but it is expected the company will resume similar service shortly to that operated last year.

Mr. Applewhite's telegram did not indicate any starting date nor what company would operate the service, but the announcement recalled a statement last September 3 at Burns Lake by Grant McConachie, CPA president, that "this type of country and the routes that need to be served lend themselves ideally to helicopter service."

Addressing the annual meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central B.C., he also said CPA planned a non-stop service from Vancouver to Terrace.

This would indicate, said Mr. Felsenthal, that the government plans to develop the Terrace airport ahead of any new construction here.

At Montreal last week, J. T. Dymont, director of engineering for Trans-Canada Air Lines, predicted all short-haul flying soon will be handled by helicopter.

His prediction and a summary of the helicopter's position today are contained in a report published by the International Air Transport Association.

Referring to the most practical use of helicopters, the book says there are two schools of thought on the subject.

The airlines group—consisting of operators of conventional aircraft—say the helicopter would be most profitable operating between cities on existing airline routes, and on new routes made possible by its characteristics.

Until last fall, CPA included Terrace on its north-central B.C. run, but discontinued it late in the fall because of lack of a radio-range finder.

The Department of Transport, however, has been constructing a range-finder at Terrace and it is expected, to be completed soon.

Local Surveyor Dies Down South

John Allan Rutherford, a resident of Prince Rupert and district for many years, died suddenly Monday in Vancouver where he had gone for a routine medical check-up.

Mr. Rutherford, aged 61, was a B.C. land surveyor and had worked in the Smithers-Telkwa area and Prince Rupert for many years.

He was a veteran of the First World War, having served overseas with the RAF, and was a member of Canadian Legion Branch No. 27 here. Formerly he was affiliated with the Legion branch at Smithers, where he took up residence shortly after the war.

Besides his wife, Lillian, who flew to Vancouver Monday, he is survived by one brother, Ronald Campbell Rutherford, Los Altos, California, and two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Brodie in Vancouver and Mrs. Mary D. Blaney, Victoria.

Funeral service will be held Friday afternoon at Simmons and McBride Funeral Chapel, Vancouver, with the Rev. Major George Turpin, DD, officiating. Burial will be at Ocean View Park.

One Dead, 73 Hurt In Train Wreck

MONTREAL — One man was killed and 73 persons were injured today when two Canadian Pacific passenger trains collided in a snowstorm at St. Clet, 35 miles west of Montreal. Six of the injured are in serious condition.

The trains were en route from Toronto to Montreal.



SHOWN CUTTING a smooth figure at Detroit's Olympia arena are Barbara Ann Scott (left), blonde Canadian figure skating star and Helen Hartwig, chosen by Detroit press photographers at Miss Photoflash of 1954. Miss Hartwig listed one of her talents as figure skating. Barbara says "she's good."

Mrs. Dominato Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Ann Dominato, wife of Severino Dominato, 132 Eighth Avenue East, died suddenly last night in Prince Rupert General hospital, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Dominato, born in Prince Rupert 33 years ago, was the youngest daughter of Mrs. Constance Postulo and the late James Postulo and was extremely well-known in the city.

She was educated at Borden and King Edward schools and in September, 1941, was married to Sev Dominato.

Among other activities she was a member of the Order of the Royal Purple.

Mrs. Dominato is survived by her husband; two sons, Gerald and Robert; her mother, Mrs. Constance Postulo, 855 First Avenue West; three sisters, Miss Martha Postulo, Vancouver, Mrs. H. A. Nelson and Mrs. Gus Stromdahl of Prince Rupert; three brothers, William Postulo, Winnipeg, and Spero and Paul in Prince Rupert.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

B.C. Revenue Hits New High

VICTORIA — British Columbia government revenues reached an all-time high of \$161,756,536 in the fiscal year which ended March 31, 1953, it was disclosed when public accounts were tabled at the opening of the legislature.

This was a jump of \$18,000,000 over revenues from the previous year, which totalled \$143,771,541 and it enabled the government to finish the year with a revenue surplus of \$8,346,625 since general expenditures were \$153,400,911.

In addition to the general expenditures during the year, the government spent another \$32,489,307 on various capital works, including roads and buildings, making a total overall expenditure of \$185,890,210.

Inquest Slated Friday Afternoon

Deputy-Coroner George Dawes has set 2:30 Friday afternoon for an inquest into the death of Violet Sampare. The 27-year-old woman died in hospital last night after a brief illness. She was admitted to hospital Monday afternoon.