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VISITING WARSHIP LEAVES TO DESTROY SIGHTED MINE

OIL WELL GUSHES in Fort St. John where several oil companies are continually carrying out exploration. This shows Dawson Creek booming to the sound of drilling for new discoveries. Big scale operations are expected this (Photographic Surveys Photo)

But Beacon Hill Finds Only Buoy

"Action stations" sounded here Saturday night for one of three visiting Royal Canadian Navy warships.

A few hours later, HMCS Beacon Hill, a frigate, steamed out of Prince Rupert Harbor to locate a floating mine 150 miles west.

But it turned out to be no mine at all.

The object reported by the halibut schooner Waterfall Saturday was a mooring buoy, adrift off Fredericks Island, west of the northern tip of Queen Charlotte Islands.

This report came in today by radio telephone from the Beacon Hill, which had reached the area.

Saturday afternoon, when the sighting report reached Department of Transport here, it was relayed immediately to the Navy.

Three ships here on a training cruise, included HMCS Sioux, Beacon Hill and Antigonish. The Beacon Hill was ordered to proceed immediately to the scene of the reported mine.

Most of the crew were ashore, Navy officials said, but in a few hours all hands were on deck and ready to depart.

The frigate is reported to have destroyed the buoy, likely to prevent any further false 'mine" reports.

Meanwhile, the duty-bound Navy vesel will join the other two ships of Canadian Task Group 214.6 on its way to Juneau and other Alaskan ports as part of the training cruise.

While in Prince Rupert over the weekend, sailors and officers were entertained at the Civic Centre, private homes and the Canadian Legion.

Church parades were held Sunday.

One navy man, at least, made sure of a "practical" souvenir. This morning before departure, Lt. Cdr. R. Phillips, commanding officer of HMCS Antigonish, was seen carrying aboard his ship a huge halibut, all trussed up.

Candidate Answers Criticism

50 Homes Good Deal, Says McRae

Jack McRae, 37-year-old Liberal candidate for Prince Rupert, answered critics of this city's housing development in a speech at the Civic Centre Saturday night.

Making his first appearance in public since his accident, Mr. McRae said he agreed with those who say the rents will be too high but "our first job was to get the homes."

"I quite agree I'd like to see lower rents, but I say 50 good houses is an asset to you regardless of what the rent may be."

He said the city council a year ago decided an emergency had arisen here and financial aid must be forthcoming to build new homes.

"The plans were approved by the municipal government. Tenders were called and the homes are now being built.

"Certainly there is a variation in price between the cost of homes here and cost in Vancouver, but our main problem was to get the homes built and work out rentals at a later date."

"I was asked two years ago to press for housing and it is very disappointing to me that any political party would bandy about any housing project in our city when there is such a crying need for accommodation."

Mr. McRae pointed out that in 1947 "half our wartime housing units were boarded up, but in 1948 when the first Forest Management Licence was issued, those 500 homes were filled up almost overnight."

Regarding cost of the new homes, he said the city pays only 7½ percent of the cost, the B.C. government 17½ percent and the federal government pays 75 per cent.

"In other words, the senior governments pay 92½ percent of the cost of construction of our homes."

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

He spoke of the development of industry in the province and said the huge Columbia Cellulose development at Port Edward has been a boon to the city "and has meant a reduction to Prince Rupert of $14,000 alone in the school buget."

"We have also seen construction of a good hard-surfaced road from here almost to the Columbia Cellulose plant and work is going on right now on the stetch from Tyee east."

The government spent $760,000 alone on the road to Port Edward, said Mr. McRae, adding that it is hoped to have a "real good highway soon all the way to Terrace."

HOSPITAL INSURANCE

He had nothing but praise for the B.C. Hospital Insurance scheme, explaining that cost of hospital and medical treatment to him during the first 48 hours after he was injured "would have cost at least $250."

He stressed that when a person is injured the main things that "come to your mind, is to get the best treatment and that's what I got."

Without hospital insurance, he said, he would have had a terrific bill, yet all he paid was $35 on leaving Vancouver General Hospital after an 11-day stay.

Mr. McRae paid tribute to Alex Hunter, Managing Editor of the Daily News, who died from injuries in the May 10 accident, and expressed the hope that John F. Magor, publisher of the Daily News, who suffered serious injury to both feet, would be able to return here soon from hospital in Vancouver.

Counsellor Rows Boat To Talk Politics

Transportation, or lack of it, doesn't bother Peter Leighton.

The 68-year-old representative of the chief counsellor at Metlakatla came here by rowboat on Saturday to talk with Premier Byron Johnson.

Because his son, Dick, was out fishing "and everyone is busy at this time of the year," Mr. Leighton rowed from the little native reservation alone to attend a meeting here.

He was one of a dozen natives who brought greetings to Premier Johnson.

"It only took two hours," said the gray-haired popular resident of Metlakatla. "I go rowing nearly every day because I need the exercise."

The village, which celebrated its 90th birthday only four days ago and shortly will receive its enfranchisement, is about six miles from Prince Rupert.

The weatherman was good to Mr. Leighton, allowing him fine sunny weather to row over and again on his return trip. He left Prince Rupert shortly after 7 p.m. in order to get home before dark.

"I won't get time to hear the premier speak," he said, "but I had to come and see him."

Others who attended a conference in the Civic Centre were Mrs. George Brown, from Skidegate Mission; Paul Price, chief counsellor from Port Simpson, and Thomas White, William Kelley, James Lawson, Alfred Wesley and Edward Bryant, also from Port Simpson.

Seattle Boat Wins Yacht Race

VICTORIA (CP)—Herbert Day's Ono, of Seattle, Sunday was declared the winner of the 130-mile Swiftsure yacht race. The Ono finished with a corrected elapsed time of 26 hours, 11 minutes and 13 seconds. Seattle boats captured the next seven places.

Dr. Phil Smith's Gossip came second in 26:32.35; Franklyn Eddy's Dorade, third in 26:45.39.

Three Miners Killed In Rockburst

KIRKLAND LAKE, Ont., (CP)—Three miners were crushed to death Saturday night when rockbursts shook the depths of the Lake Shore gold mine. Two others were injured.

The mother of one of the victims died of a heart seizure when she heard the news of the tragedy broadcast over a radio station in this northern Ontario city.

The accident occurred while men were working at the 5,400-foot level of the mine, deepest in North America.

Dead are Tony Poloni, Leo Kensey, 41-year-old shift boss; and A. Soopalu, 42, an Estonian immigrant.

Kensey's mother, in ill health for several years, collapsed and died of a heart attack on hearing about the accident.

Rockbursts, which occur when rock suddenly gives away from the weight of the earth above it, are common in deep mines. In effect, the rock is virtually squeezed out with great force.

—TIDES—

Tuesday, June 3, 1952
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	9:39	15.5 feet
	21:49	18.5 feet
Low	3:38	7.4 feet
	15:30	7.9 feet

BULLETINS

US Steelworkers Strike

WASHINGTON (CP)—The supreme court ruled 6-3 today that President Truman's seizure of the steel industry was unconstitutional. Within minutes CIO President Philip Murray called a nationwide strike of 650,000 steelworkers.

Paris Laborers Halt Work

PARIS (CP)—The Communist-run French Confederation Generale du Travail called a 24-hour strike in the Paris area for Wednesday in protest against the government's crackdown on the Reds.

Premier Praises BCHIS As Only Workable Plan

Hits at Voluntary Basis

By ERIC SANDERSON

A week of active political speech-making came to a close here Saturday night with a call from Premier Byron Johnson to elect an administration on June 12 that has the confidence of the people.

The tanned, but tired Premier reviewed achievements of Liberal governments in B.C. from 1916 until today and stressed that a voluntary hospital insurance plan is useless.

His address before about 300 persons in the Civic Centre followed a brief speech on local issues and hospital insurance by Jack McRae, Liberal candidate for Prince Rupert in the forthcoming election.

It was the first public appearance of Mr. McRae since he was seriously injured at Kemano, May 10. He was brought to the meeting in a wheel-chair to the cheers of the audience.

Premier Johnson, accompanied by his wife and Percy Richards, his executive assistant, arrived here by private plane at noon Saturday from Stewart.

Because of bad flying weather yesterday, the party was driven to Terrace, where he was welcomed by Lands Minister E. T. Kenney, the village commissioner and members of the Liberal party. Enroute, the Premier made a tour of the Columbia Cellulose plant and visited Miller Bay Hospital, where he and Mrs. Johnson talked with several patients and admired their handiwork.

The Premier's speech here climaxed a heavy week of electioneering and his motor trip to terrace gave him an opportunity to see for himself the condition of roads in this territory.

On their arrival here Saturday, the Premier and his wife went directly to the McRae home where they were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. McRae.

Later, the Premier met a group of native counsellors at the Civic Centre, attended a tea and after a dinner in the banquet room of the Broadway Cafe spoke to the citizens.

VOLUNTARY INSURANCE

As has been the case throughout his 10,000-mile chain of meetings that will take him to every riding in B.C. before election day, Mr. Johnson hammered on the idea that a voluntary hospital scheme—as proposed by the Progressive Conservative and Social Credit parties — isn't feasable.

"It would just throw a large part of hospital costs back on municipal governments," he said, "and would bring back to hospitals the old problem of uncollected bills."

The premier explained how the BCHIS came into being and said he is happy that he was "responsible for hospital insurance."

He told how former health minister Pearson worked on the plan and flayed those who have stated the scheme was pushed through in too great a hurry and without enough thought.

"Well, I'm the kind that believes that when a thing is necessary you should act, and act quickly."

In 1948, said the premier, hospitals in this province were in dire straights and asked the government for $1,000,000 "just to keep their doors open."

"As a business man, I couldn't understand it, but the main reason for the money was because these institutions were unable to collect accounts and they needed help. We gave them $650,000 at that time."

Since hospital insurance came into effect, he said, 741,000 accounts amounting to $56,000,000 have been paid by the government.

He cited several cases where bills ran into the thousands of dollars, incurred by people who could never have afforded to pay.

Further, said Mr. Johnson, hospital wages have been raised and while there are complaints about costs of the plan "I doubt

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Four Die In Week-end Accidents

By The Canadian Press

A boating tragedy, a truck crash and a construction accident took four lives in British Columbia during the week-end. Three of the fatalities were on Vancouver Island, the other near West Vancouver.

Ernest Major and his three-year-old daughter perished Sunday when their boat sank after colliding with a submerged log in Alberni Inlet, 15 miles south of Port Alberni. Major's wife managed to swim to shore.

Prestdun Walton McNeil, 25-year-old pulp mill worker, was killed Sunday when the truck he was driving plunged off the road three miles south of Nanaimo.

George Ralph Charbonneau, 50-year-old laborer, was killed instantly Saturday when an overhead tractor loader crushed him against a truck. He was working on a road project near West Vancouver.

Another Atom Blast

LAS VEGAS (CP)—Another atomic bomb was set off Sunday at the Yucca Flats testing ground. It was the 19th blast set off by United States at this site.

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...-seven halibut boats ... in more than 500,000 ... of fish this morning. ...mediums was up a cent ...urday.

... boats sold their load on ...ange.

...re sales:

...n Fisher, 22,000, 18.5, ...C. Packers; Seamount, ...7, 14, 12, B.C. Packers; ..., 28,000, 18.5, 14, 12, At-..., 16,000, 18.7, 14, 12, ...acomone, 12,000, 18.5, 14, ...; P. Doreen, 19,000, 18.7, ...Pacific; Twinkle, 20,000, ...12, Pacific; Snowfall, ...5, 14, 12, Bacon; Water-...00, 18.6, 14, 12, Royal; ...II, 28,000, 18.6, 14, 12, ...nvercan LL, 21,000, 18.5, ...C. Packers.

... the Fishermen's Co-op: ...II, 29,000; Sandy S, 5,000; ...oreland, 10,000; Fredelia ...00; Spar, 7,000; Coven-...00; Tramp, 35,000; Miss ...18,000; Mobro, 14,000; ...28,000; Nor Cap, 13,000; ...12,000; Sable R, 14,000; ...land, 18,000; Four Forty, ...enith, 7,000.

...WEATHER —

FORECAST

...ble cloudiness becoming ... with rain late Tuesday ...n. Little change in tem-... Light winds becoming ...y 20 Tuesday afternoon. ...night and high tomor-... Port Hardy 46 and 58. ... and Prince Rupert 42

...EDUCATOR DIES

...YORK (CP)—John Dewey, ...n as father of progres-...cation, died Sunday.

New Gas Well Blows In At Fort St. John

CALGARY (CP)—Pacific Petroleums and Associates have announced a new gas find in British Columbia's Fort St. John area.

Pacific Fort St. John No. 6, two miles west of Gasser No. 4 and four miles northwest of the Discovery well, ran two drill-stem tests in the middles triassic zone and brought up gas totalling 2,498,000 cubic feet daily and substantial naphtha.

Participating in the Fort St. John ventures are Pacific Petroleums, Peace River Natural Gas, Sunray Oil Corporation, Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas, Union Oil Company, Canadian Atlantic, Yankee Princess and Empire Petroleums.

Combines In Rubber Industry

OTTAWA (CP)—Combines Commissioner T. D. MacDonald reported to the government the alleged existance of combines in Canada's rubber industry.

Nineteen rubber companies including all leading manufacturers are involved, as well as the Rubber Association of Canada, the industry's spokesman.

Justice Minister Garson today tabled MacDonald's 700-page, 300,000-word report. It covers 4½ years investigation by two combines commissioners, but gave no immediate indication whether companies and the Association will be prosecuted.

...ithers Dentist Case ...ed as Major Issue

By The Canadian Press

...MITHERS—The case of Dr. Xavier Weber has ...e an election issue here.

...Weber is a dentist who ...from Switzerland three ...go to take up farming, ...the plea of hundreds of ...ts, he opened a practice

...as granted a temporary ... by the B. C. College of ...Surgeons dated to expire ...0. He has a degree in ...ry from Berne University ...as practised 10 years in ...e before coming to Can-

...23-year-old dentist must, ...r, pass Canadian exam-...s before getting a per-... licence.

...lanned to go to the Uni-... of Alberta, nearest uni-... with a dental school, ... claims he was given the ...off by authorities in Ed-...n.

... he plans to take a two-...ourse at McGill, but the people want him to stay here.

He is the only dentist between Prince George and Prince Rupert and demands have been made from election platforms that government action be taken to keep him here.

Service clubs and other organizations have prepared a petition for Health Minister Turnball, demanding that licensing be put in the hands of the provincial government, and that Dr. Weber be granted a permanent licence. Petition has been signed by hundreds of people from Terrace east to Vanderhoof.

The College of Dental Surgeons requires dentists qualified outside of Canada to obtain a Canadian degree in dentistry and complete two years at UBC in arts and science in order to get a B.C. licence.

Political Roundup

Socred MP Confident of Party Victory

Full of confidence in victory for the Social Credit Party in B.C., H. H. W. Beyerstein, member of parliament for Camrose, is in the city to speak at a party rally at the Civic Centre tonight.

The greying 45-year-old chiropractor by profession, in an interview this morning said that on the basis of membership "we've got the election won in B.C."

Some ridings are not as active as others, he said, but generally the citizens are anxious to learn more about the party and have flocked to meetings in good numbers.

Dr. Beyerstein spoke at Prince George Thursday and at Burns Lake, Friday.

Art Murray, Social Credit candidate for Prince Rupert in the June 12 election, will speak briefly at tonight's meeting.

While Dr. Beyerstein did not necessarily come to this part of the province to discuss roads, he can give a first-hand account of travel difficulties.

He spent last Thursday night in a car stranded in a mudhole enroute from Aleza Lake to Prince George.

Dr. Beyerstein and Lou L. King, Social Credit standardbearer for Skeena, had gone tto the lake for a meeting and on their return a storm arose and the highway was "nearly flooded."

"About 20 miles out of Prince George we went down to the hub caps in a mudhole. That was about 11 p.m. A farmer about a mile away said he could not pull us out until daylight because his horses were out pasturing and he couldn't find them in the storm.

There was nothing to do but sit in the car and wait.

"And since, neither Mr. King nor myself smoke, we just sat and talked until 7 o'clock when the farmer came along and pulled us out."

Dr. Beyerstein came to the north country direct from Ottawa and will address meetings all week before returning to the Capital.

It is his first trip to this part of B.C., but prior to the Social Credit convention in New Westminster, he toured the Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island centres.

He is one of five Social Credit leaders who will speak in B.C. today.

Solon E. Low, national leader, speaks in Trail; Premier Manning will address a Vancouver rally; and Lands Minister Tanner and A. J. Hooke, minister of economic affairs, are speaking on the Lower Mainland.

Elmer Roper, CCF leader in Alberta and MLA for Edmonton for the past 16 years, will speak here tomorrow night at the Civic Centre.

George Hills, the party's candidate for Prince Rupert in the coming provincial election, also will speak briefly.

Mr. Roper is one of two CCF members of the Alberta Legislature, the other being A. J. Liesemer of Calgary.