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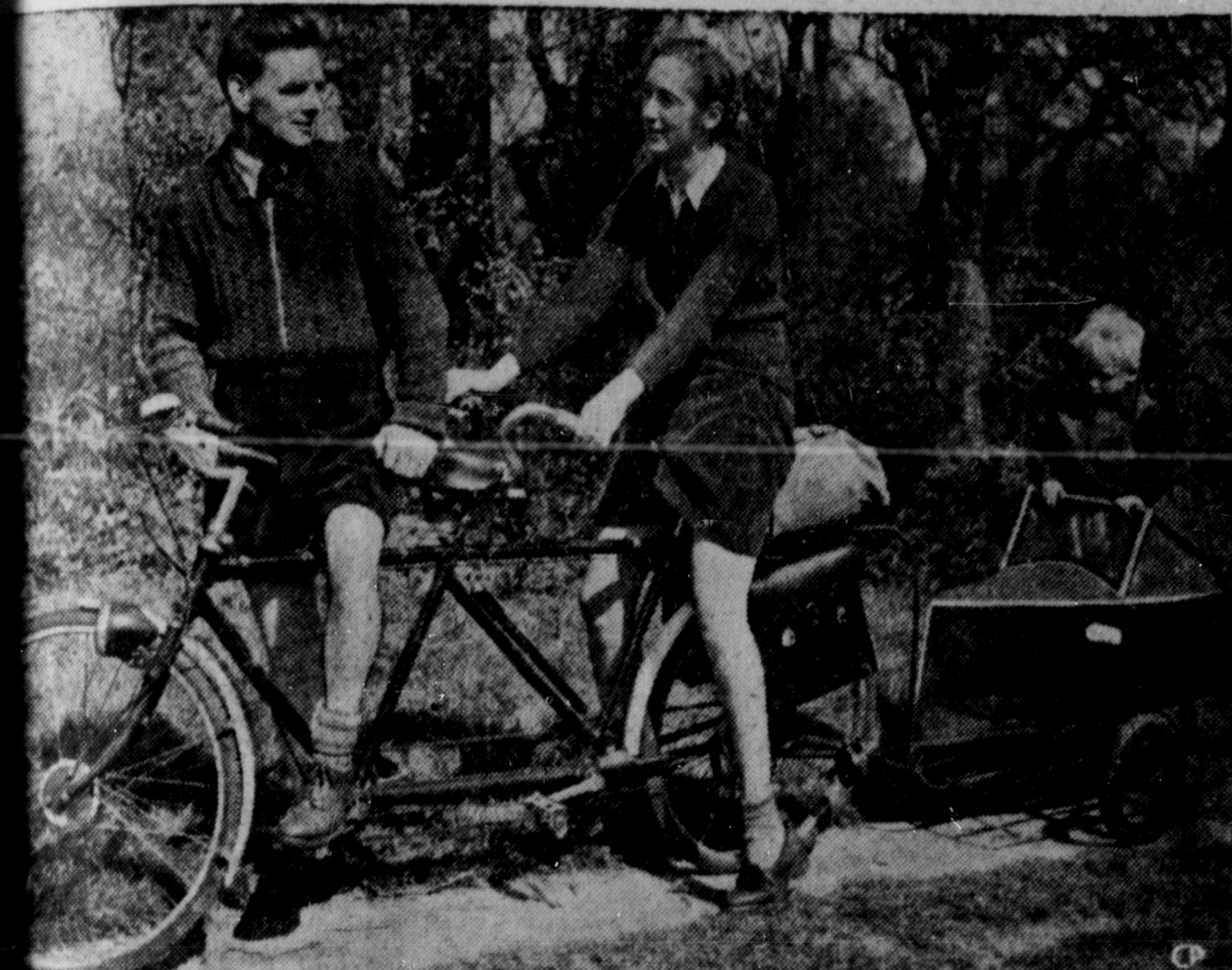
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Heading For B.C.

BICYCLE BUILT FOR THREE A young British family intends to travel across Canada from Kelowna, B.C. George Whitford, 32-year-old wartime commando, his wife Margaret, and son Jimmy, 2, sail this month for Canada from England. Practising on an English road, with mother and father on the tandem and the youngster in his own specially-made car, the Whitfords plan to settle in Kelowna where Mrs. Whitford's uncle and aunt, and Mrs. Guy Reed, have a fruit farm.

Cred Assistance in Labor Disputes Upheld by Minister

Visiting speaker in the action campaign. Labor Lyle Wicks last night at the Social Credit government reached a new high success in settlement of disputes by conciliation.

About 120 heard his address at the Canadian Legion Hall as he spoke in support of the local Social Credit candidate, Bill Murray. Mr. Wicks also took the occasion to announce the re-appoint-

ment of Christopher W. Pritchard of Vancouver, as commissioner for labor of the workmen's compensation board. He said the work of Mr. Pritchard had met with wide public approval. The re-appointment, good for 10 years, is effective May 1.

"We took the load of routine work, such as the granting of certifications, off the shoulders of our conciliation officers and gave it to inspectors of the labor department where it rightfully belongs," Mr. Wicks said. "As a result, the conciliation officers can give full-time attention to their proper work."

"Under the previous government, only about 40 per cent of all labor disputes were settled by conciliation. The figure is now about 65 or 70 per cent, and we aim at 75 per cent."

Mr. Wicks maintained that the part-time labor relations board established by his government was working "marvellously well" and that it was eliminating duplication. Observing that the board was now meeting twice a week, he predicted that it would be meeting only once a week as soon as the first pressure of business was off.

EARNED HIS SALARY

"As a result of the increased efficiency, I was told that I had earned my salary 10 times over," the speaker said.

Discussing compensation, Mr. Wicks said that on taking over his new office he was struck by the large volume of allegedly discriminatory cases coming to his attention. The situation prompted the government to engage the services of a Toronto actuarial firm.

"The situation was not improved by the last-minute action of the previous government in raising the pensions of widows and dependents to get more votes," he charged. "It left the reserve funds short by two million dollars."

Mr. Wicks said that, if re-elected, the Social Credit government would see "SOCRED"—Page Four

Prince George Juvenile Gangs Riot

PRINCE GEORGE — Strides and 'Squares,' rival gangs, fought a pitched battle here with knives and blackjacks.

Seventy-five of them, all juveniles, lined up in a field outside the city limits and battled until the arrival of police. One gang member suffered a slashed throat, others had cuts and bruises.

Police said today charges will be laid against 42 of the juveniles. The others escaped a police roundup.

The clash was touched off by a dispute over distinctive clothing worn by rival gangs.

Council Takes Steps To Establish Volunteer Fire Brigade In City

Mayor Whalen, Ald. Casey Clash at Council Meet

Meeting Called to Order
Several Times During Debate

Charge of skulduggery and "behind the back" operation of city business last night led to one of the liveliest and most heated council meetings in many months.

Mayor Harold Whalen was called upon frequently to demand order as several aldermen attempted to speak at the same time or argue between themselves.

At one time, His Worship informed veteran alderman George Casey that if he did not recognize the demand for order he would be asked to leave.

The meeting started off in an orderly fashion with reports from the various committees receiving attention and endorsement.

The charge of "skulduggery" was made by Ald. Casey during a discussion of the city's decision to purchase a Packmaster garbage collection unit.

Alderman Mike Krueger asked to have a motion passed last February 9 to purchase a Packmaster be rescinded and to have another motion endorsed at the March 9 meeting changed.

Before receiving an answer

Daily Rate Considered Too High

He also maintained that the per diem rate of \$17.50 paid to officials on out-of-town business for the city was too high and suggested it was raised from \$10 to \$17.50 last March 9 so Ald. Gomez could make the trip.

(Ald. Gomez took his vacation and went back to Windsor, Ontario, to pick up the new Packmaster and truck and drive it to Rupert. He arrived back home late last week.)

At that moment, Mayor Whalen stepped into the picture and after calling Ald. Casey to order said: "There was no thought of skulduggery in council business. I maintain every member of this council is trying to conduct the business of the city to the best of their ability."

Ald. Casey attempted to speak and the mayor demanded that he refrain from interrupting.

The mayor said Ald. Casey intimated that the council was not conducting city business in a proper manner and that he inferred there were "underhanded" methods of operation.

Captain Payne Re-Elected UFAWU Prexy

VANCOUVER — Reg. Payne of Sidney, Vancouver Island, halibut and salmon troll fisherman, has been re-elected president of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union (UFAWU).

The union's election committee reported today that Captain Payne won re-election by 94 votes over Kurt Larsen, his only opponent. The count was 1,035 to 941.

Last week Alex Gordon, business agent, and Homer Stevens, secretary, won re-election.

Halibut Treaty Approved By Committee

OTTAWA — The Commons marine and fisheries committee took just 14 minutes today to approve the 11 clauses of the Northern Pacific Halibut Fishery Convention Act.

The bill already has been approved in principle by the House. The bill would ratify the Canada-United States treaty signed March 2 for preservation of the west coast halibut fishery.



SIR ARCHIBALD NYE
... enroute here

Mayor to Greet UK Statesman Here Tomorrow

Britain's new High Commissioner in Canada, Sir Archibald Nye will be officially welcomed to Prince Rupert tomorrow by Mayor Harold Whalen and city aldermen.

A civic luncheon will be held for the man who rose from the rank of private to that of lieutenant-general in the British army and now is senior United Kingdom High Commissioner.

City Clerk Bill Long was instructed by council at the regular meeting last night to arrange the luncheon and a possible tour of the city for Sir Archibald after his arrival on the Prince Rupert Wednesday morning.

Sir Archibald, who will speak in the Canadian Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night, also will be greeted by Mrs. F. E. Anfield, president of the Women's Canadian Club, sponsors of the meeting, and her executives. He will be dinner guest of the club.

He will board the train for Vanderhoof immediately after the meeting.

Born in Dublin, Sir Archibald left school in the fall of 1914 at the age of 18 to enlist in the ranks of the famous Irish regiment, the Leinsters.

He was made a second lieutenant in 1915 and his gallantry won him the Military Cross. He remained in the service after the war and it wasn't until 1928, at the age of 33, that he decided to take up law. He passed his examinations and in 1932 was called to the bar.

In 1941, at the age of 45, he was appointed vice-chief of the Imperial General Staff and his promotion to the rank of lieutenant-general followed shortly. He was appointed governor of Madras after the war and held that position until 1948 when he became Britain's first high commissioner to the new Republic of India.

Before departing from Vancouver last night, Sir Archibald told members of the Vancouver Board of Trade that British businessmen "will sell more and invest more in Canada this year because they can and because they must."

A gradual improvement in trade—"nothing sudden or spectacular"—is in prospect because British exporters are forced to make up in Canada for falling sales in leading sterling market countries, he said.

U.N. Negotiators Threaten To Break Off Renewed Talks

PANMUNJOM — UN negotiators today threatened to break off renewed Korean armistice talks unless the Communists come up soon with a concrete proposal for exchanging prisoners—the last big obstacle.

Lt.-Gen. William K. Harrison said the UN command "does not intend to become involved in protracted and useless arguments."

The session at Panmunjom was the third since negotiations were revived Sunday in an effort to decide what to do with prisoners who refuse to go home.

Conciliation Board Report Accepted

Establishment of a volunteer or partial-volunteer fire department here will be investigated by city council.

This was decided at council meeting last night after aldermen unanimously accepted the majority report of a conciliation board awarding firemen a five-per-cent increase in wages retroactive to last January 1, and other benefits.

The board report, which is binding on both parties, was handed down April 15 following a two-day hearing here.

The city clerk was instructed to draw up the necessary agreement with the firemen.

While Ald. Ray McLean said the city "had no alternative but to accept the award," he entered a motion criticizing the appointment of a Vancouver man as chairman of the board who, he said, did not meet with approval of the city representatives on the board.

NOT IMPARTIAL

The motion, which was endorsed unanimously, will be sent to the Labor Relations Board. It said the city feels that the chairman—Robert Hewitt—was not impartial.

Commenting on the motion, city clerk Bill Long, who presented the city's brief, said "the various comments made by Mr. Hewitt at the start of the hearings gave us to understand that the city's arguments were useless."

Sitting as committee of the whole, aldermen then discussed the suggestion that a volunteer brigade be formed as a means of saving the city an estimated \$25,000 a year.

Cost of fire protection in Prince Rupert last year amounted to \$61,082.21—an average per capita cost of \$4.02.

MAKE SURVEY

Ald. McLean moved that assistant fire chief W. H. (Buster) Hill be appointed by council to make a survey of volunteer fire departments in Ketchikan and B.C. and submit a report to council before any action is taken. Hill would spend time looking over operation of brigades at places designated by council.

Only Ald. George Casey objected to sending an experienced fireman to investigate the systems in effect elsewhere.

Council instructed the city clerk to write cities which have volunteer and partial-volunteer brigades and obtain reports on their operation.

Ald. Casey said he could see no useful purpose in sending Hill "around the country when we could get all we need by correspondence."

Inspector Must Resign

VICTORIA — Premier Bennett said Monday school inspector Ray Williston of Prince George will have to resign his position before he files nomination papers for the June 9 provincial election.

Mr. Williston won over Lew King, Social Credit member of the last legislature, at a nominating meeting Saturday night.

Inspector Invited To City

The inspector of municipalities for B.C. will be invited to come to Prince Rupert at his earliest convenience.

This was decided at the regular meeting of city council last night on request of Ald. George Casey who does not think the municipal affairs here are conducted "properly."

The motion to invite the inspector was put forward by Ald. Casey and Ald. Ray McLean promptly asked the reason for this move.

Ald. Casey said he wanted the inspector to come here "for the purpose of trying to get us straightened out, whereby we will carry out the duties of the city council under the Municipal Act, which I don't think we're doing now."

"I think we should invite him to come and get us out of the tangles we are in,"

Mayor Whalen said he knew of no tangles but added that he would "welcome the inspector any time."

The city clerk was instructed to write a letter to the inspector asking him to come and the approved motion stated that council wants a full report on his findings before he leaves.

"We want to know exactly what he finds," said Alderman McLean.

Bribe Offered Red Pilots For MIGs

TOKYO — General Mark Clark has offered a \$50,000 reward to every Communist pilot to deliver a Russian-built jet plane to the Allies. The first would receive an extra bonus of \$50,000.

The move is aimed at disrupting the combat efficiency of the Communist air force in the Korean war.

The United Nations Far East commander-in-chief guarantees safety to each refugee pilot, and asylum in a country without Communist domination.

Clark's appeal was broadcast Monday in the Russian, Chinese and Korean languages by radio and dropped in leaflets by Allied planes.

In offering rewards to Red pilots who land their planes on Allied airfields, the United Nations command has come up with a jet age version of an accepted tactic in the gaudy era of Chinese warlords.

Americans Watch Mau Mau Killer Woman

MOBI, Kenya — More than 15 African employees of a sawmill on the lower slopes of Mount Kenya stood offered no resistance to a Mau Mau gang but-

an Italian woman and two children Saturday.

Those reaching here said the woman, Pietro Melocini, was working at the office in the valleys when the attack at his house. Victim Mrs. Nereida Melocini, her daughter, Maria, and son, Mario, 10, Melocini's African cook also was in the attack.

Prisoner Escapes Year

VER — — William 22-year-old prison escapee was recaptured Wednesday at the point of a shot-

and a furious battle with city policeman, has been taken to one year for es-

custody.

ate W. B. McInnes posed a concurrent sentence of assault on a chair-

the nose of Constable Queen with a scythe before he was subdued with a shotgun.

new sentence will start completion of the year was serving at the time of the March 23. He eluded the Vancouver Hospital, where he was under examination from prison.

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