

Buttle Lake Proposed Dam 'Fantastic' Say Geologist

VICTORIA (CP) — The B.C. Power Commission's assumptions with regard to geological conditions at the site of its proposed dam at Buttle Lake are so fantastic that the estimate of cost is worth nothing.

This was the assertion of Dr. Victor Dolmage, consulting geologist, Vancouver, who appeared today before the special legislative committee which is reviewing the whole Buttle Lake question. The committee is to recommend to this session of the House a final disposition of the Buttle site.

Dr. Dolmage was called as a witness by the B.C. Natural Resources Conservation League, which is opposed to proposed storage of water in Buttle Lake for power purposes.

Dr. Dolmage said that the Buttle site was at the base of

a glacial valley, and submitted that more often than not the structure of the land in such valleys was porous gravel.

"I don't say a dam can't be built there," he declared. "But I say no one knows that a dam can be built there until at least preliminary examinations are made. And certainly nobody knows what type of dam might be built there or what it would cost."

Dr. Dolmage maintained, however, that the dam site proposed for water storage on Upper Campbell Lake was "a nice, neat, bedrock dam site," and "a pretty sure bet" compared to the Buttle site, which he described as "a very uncertain thing."

GOOD DAM

He expressed confidence a dam on the Upper Campbell site would be "a good dam and a safe dam."

Dr. Dolmage appeared before the committee following presentation of a conservation league brief by J. E. Gatehouse, Victoria lawyer, who declared: "If the Buttle dam proposal is to be permitted to go ahead it would be an outright surrender of human values to the forces of materialism and a terrible exposure of our lack of a proper sense of values."

He maintained, too, that the Power Commission was "awkwardly attempting to assume the role of a pseudo-conservationist" in its presentations to the committee.

Also heard today was a brief presented by Gordon E. Bowes on behalf of the Outdoor Club of Victoria, which is supporting the Power Commission's application to proceed at Buttle Lake.

The Outdoor Club maintained it was "ridiculous" to assert a dam on Buttle Lake would spoil Strathcona Park. Its brief maintained advantages which would result would far outweigh any temporary damage to the lake shore.

"The proposed damming would, for the first time, provide access at least to the borders of the park," the brief declared.

"It is over 40 years since Strathcona Park was established but nothing has been done to make the area accessible to the public."

English Co-Eds Protest Import Of Parisiennes

READING, England (AP) — Eight irate Reading co-eds are appealing to Prime Minister Churchill to foil a male students' plan to import French glamor girls for a university parade.

They said they suffered an "outrageous insult" because the boys asked three Parisiennes to lead the annual university procession Saturday. They declared Churchill should "correct this disgraceful situation."

The co-eds plan to deliver their petition to the prime minister personally, then march to Victoria station to meet the boat train bringing the French girls.

The men students are taking no chances on a hair-pulling. They have arranged for hefty bodyguards to meet the three Sorbonne co-eds.

The men said they want the French girls to lead the parade because Reading co-eds aren't glamorous enough.

Alaska Gives Nod to Jap Forest Bid

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Alaska's Senate went on record Tuesday in favor of the proposed cutting of timber in the territory's national forest for Japan, providing it is done through an American-owned company.

A Japanese delegation recently toured the forest regions of southeastern Alaska preliminary to possible negotiations.

Senate approval came in a memorial to Congress which passed without a dissenting vote.

It said "there seems to be some opposition on the part of lumbermen in the Pacific Northwest to the development of Alaska timber resources, based on a fear that products will go to Japan and compete with products produced in the northwest states."

It cited forests as one of Alaska's greatest resources and said "if the territory's forests are to be used for the benefit of Alaska and the nation, the surplus must enter world trade in competition with products of other areas."

The memorial requests that timber be made available for sale on competitive bids to any company or corporation organized under U.S. laws and utilizing American labor and American wages.

NAs to Aid Addicts Free Selves

VANCOUVER (CP) — Narcotics Anonymous, first organization of its kind in Canada, has been formed here.

There are two strict rules for the members: they must stay away from other addicts and they must keep out of trouble with the law.

The organization is sponsored by the Vancouver Junior Chamber of Commerce, but the plan was originated by a Vancouver housewife, Mrs. Edna MacCullie, who aided in research studies of the Community Chest and council here.

"We're simply trying to help these unfortunate people to help themselves," said Thomas Humphreys, Jr., chairman of the Javees' civic and government affairs committee.

"They will be given assistance to help themselves. That is the system under which Alcoholics Anonymous operates."

Two "charter members" are making good following release from prison. Both have obtained jobs. One was an addict for 20 years.

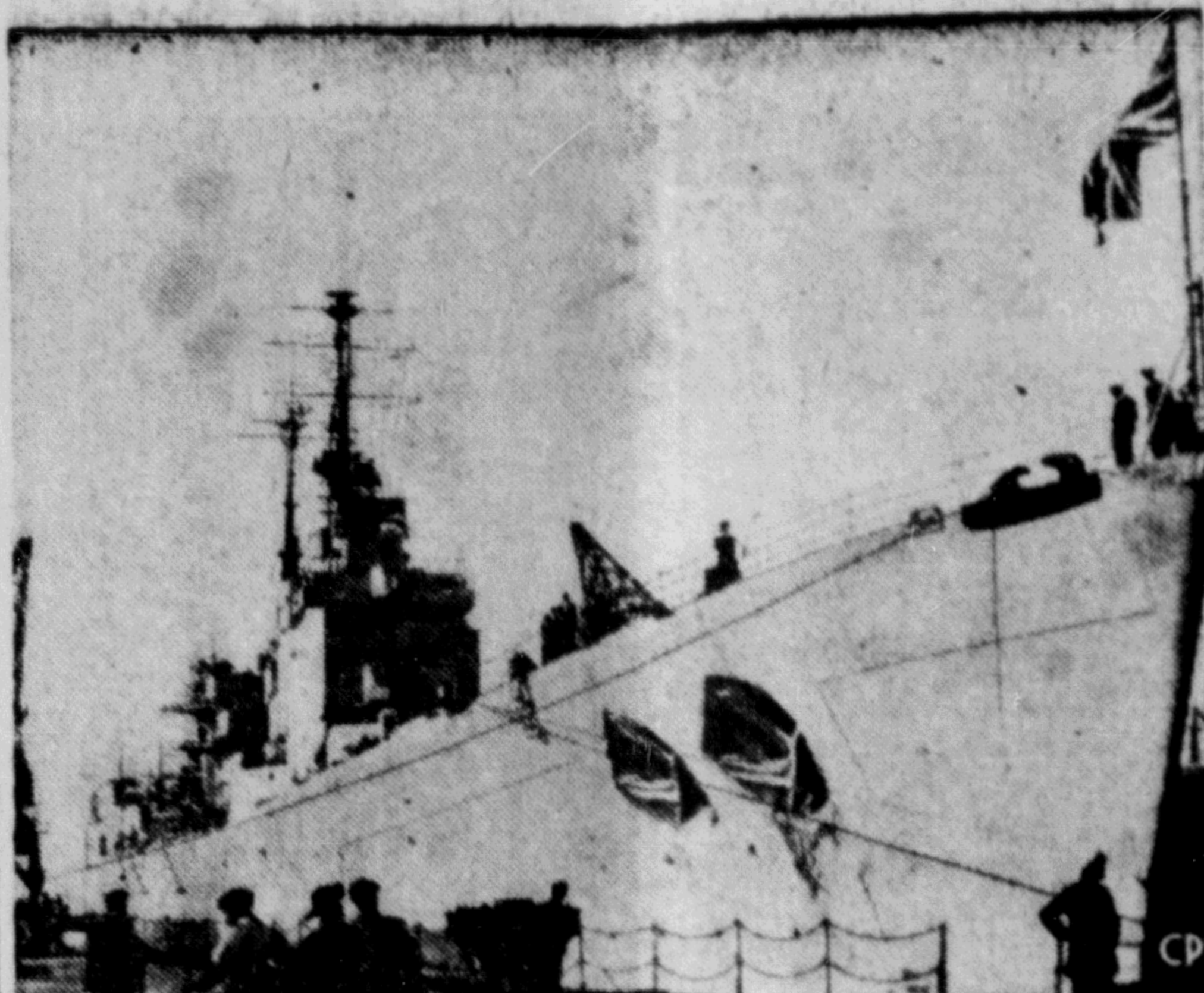
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WATERFRONT -- WHIFFS

New Direct Vancouver-Rupert Freight Service Inaugurated

A new direct Vancouver-Prince Rupert shipping service will be inaugurated by the Northland Navigation Co. Ltd. when its 500-ton-capacity freighter Island Prince makes its initial run on March 6.

It is believed this new schedule will be the answer to problems of city food merchants who protested last summer's removal of one scheduled direct run.

The Island Prince will have a 25-ton cold storage space and a 15-ton refrigeration capacity.

H. H. Hartford, freight agent of Northland, is expected to arrive here Monday to straighten out final details.

In Prince Rupert, agents for the Island Prince are G. W. Nickerson Co.

Last summer, a petition signed by a majority of city food merchants and endorsed by city council and the Chamber of Commerce, asked for re-institution of a direct Vancouver-Prince Rupert shipping service which was withdrawn by another shipping firm.

The withdrawal left city merchants with only two shipments of fresh produce here a week. Merchants claimed they could not keep produce and milk fresh for their customers for the time between shipments.

The Island Prince will leave Vancouver Friday and arrive here Monday. She has been operating a freighting service along the coast, but in the past has made many other ports of call before arriving here.

Prototype of Canada's new electronic streamlined anti-submarine fleet, the destroyer escort HMCS Algonquin was recommissioned at Esquimalt Wednesday.

The ship is a radical departure from all former destroyer designs, being developed by the Canadian Navy in co-operation with the Royal Navy and U.S.N.

Although a rebuilt V-class destroyer, Algonquin is practically new from the keel up after 18 months of work.

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Her armament is radar and electronic controlled. Guns and anti-submarine weapons are trained by holding the target "blip" steady on a grid in the radar screen. A complicated

British Columbia Coast Steamships vessels Princess Joan and Princess of Nanaimo will be temporarily withdrawn from service this week-end for annual overhaul, according to a company announcement.

Commencing Sunday and until further notice, the Joan will be replaced by the Princess Louise on the Vancouver-Victoria-Seattle route, and TEV Princess Patricia will replace the Princess of Nanaimo on the Vancouver-Nanaimo route.

Overhaul work will be done at Esquimalt graving dock, near Victoria.

Jack Donnell, manager of Royal Mail Lines in Vancouver, was elected president of the Shipping Federation of British Columbia.

The federation represents shipping, longshore and other allied organizations in deepsea ports throughout the province.

Mr. Donnell succeeds T. W. Brawn, manager of Canadian Australasian Line offices in Vancouver.

SCREEN ★ ★ FLASHES

Rugged Van Heflin, who co-stars with Yvonne De Carlo in Universal-International's Technicolor "Tomahawk," opening Monday at the Totem Theatre, has become an energetic standard-bearer in the cause of the American Indian.

The actor, along with the entire cast and crew of "Tomahawk," spent a total of seven weeks in the Badlands of South Dakota filming the new Technicolor film. Heflin on many occasions visited the Sioux Indian Pine Ridge Reservation as the guest of David Miller, considered the best-liked white man among the Sioux nation, and the actor minced no words in expressing his attitude toward treatment of the Indians.

"We aren't beginning to do enough for them," claims Heflin, whose role in "Tomahawk" is that of Jim Bridger, a noted scout and friend of the Indians almost a century ago, "and I believe that the fault lies in the fact that the citizens of the United States aren't sufficiently aware of the problem to force a more active education and rehabilitation campaign."

Admitting that he is not an expert on the subject, Heflin is now studying research data in his quest for more knowledge of the problems involved.

LONDON (CP) — How would you translate the title of the French film "Les Belles de Nuit"?

Any way, insists bilingual French director Rene Clair, except "Night Beauties." He says that gives the wrong idea.

But that was the translation chosen by the company showing the film in Britain.

M. Clair argues that even the strictly literal translation, "the beauties of the night," would be better.

The picture was chosen for showing in the presence of the Queen during the French film festival, held in London. M. Clair is said to have told the Queen: "I should never have asked you to come, if I had known that my film was to be called this."

The argument intrigued philologists. Nobody produced a translation to match the nuances of the original, which contains a play on words. The French word "Belle-de-Nuit" means a flower, called the Marvel of Peru, which blooms only at night.

Similarly the film deals with a French musician, played by Versailles, 26-year-old Gerard Philipe, who escapes from the harshness and clutter of modern life through a series of night dreams transplanting his spirit into earlier times.

Conference Scores Cut in Forestry

VICTORIA (CP) — The B.C. government's reforestation plans announced in the Legislature Tuesday were sharply criticized at the opening session of the sixth B.C. Natural Resources Conference here.

Professor George A. Allen of the UBC forestry department attacked the government for "slashing Forestry Department funds in the new budget while at the same time launching a reforestation program which would be dangerous without much greater research in provincial forestry."

He charged that knowledge of B.C. forestry problems was not advanced enough yet to embark on a costly program of forced reforestation.

The government's policy on forests also was attacked by D. M. MacKenzie, president of the Truck Loggers Association.

Mr. MacKenzie said the additional burden to be placed on the logging industry by the Social Credit government's proposed new taxes will adversely affect standard of living enjoyed by the people of British Columbia and will not materially increase the government's revenue.

"Anything that affects the forest industry affects every individual in British Columbia, directly or indirectly."

Haida, meaning people, is the popular name of Indians of the Queen Charlotte Islands in British Columbia.

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