

## Convention Report Given To Rupert Rod & Gun Club

Resolutions supported by the Northern District Rod and Gun clubs were outlined at a meeting of the Prince Rupert Rod and Gun Club held this week in the Moose Hall.

Geoff Lambley, northern district delegate to the B.C. Fish and Game council convention at Chilliwack in May told members that while many of the resolutions backed by the Prince Rupert club had been passed by the convention, the Southern Cariboo Guides' bid to have no open season on cow moose was defeated.

Mr. Lambley said, had sided with the Game biologists who believed that the large moose population had jeopardized its food supply. The Guides believed that now nature had reduced the moose herds to a point well below the available food supply, that there should not be an open season on cow moose for 1953 and that no further consideration be given to an open season until such time as a more comprehensive and exhaustive survey could be made.

The delegate told the local club that while he and eight other delegates had voted for the resolution, 14 other delegates had voted against it.

Other resolutions Mr. Lambley voted for and which carried included the Vancouver Island Affiliated Fish and Game association's brief asking that a strip 100 yards in width be left standing around all lakes and streams and one concerning grizzly bears.

The resolution on bears, proposed by the Interior Fish, Game and Forest Protective association urged that surveys be made in areas where both grizzly bear and domestic animals range to determine which are the most valuable and in areas where the grizzly bear is considered the most valuable that grazing leases be discontinued.

Mr. Lambley told the meeting that he voted for this resolution and that both G. W. A. West, predatory animal officer and the cattlemen were in agreement.

Another resolution supported by the local club and carried was that asking for protection of the bald eagle, Mr. Lambley said.

The Vancouver Island Fish and Game association asserted that industrial development was laying the bald eagle open to unjust persecution and that inasmuch as the bald eagle, near extinction, was merely a carrion eater and scavenger it should be given the protection by law of the B.C. Game department.

Next meeting of the Prince Rupert Rod and Gun club will be held Monday night at the Moose hall.

## Oil Man Tries To Halt Report

VANCOUVER (C)—An oil company official has taken action to block an inquiry board from reporting to Ottawa on the retail marketing and distribution of gasoline here.

The Supreme Court action, started Tuesday, results from inquiries into the gas price situation started some two years ago by the restrictive trade practices commission, which succeeded the combines investigation board.

Several members of the Automobile Retailers' Association and Standard Oil were questioned by the three-man commission from the federal body.

Tuesday an affidavit was filed on behalf of Edward Alexander Bence, marketing manager and director of Standard Oil, seeking to prohibit the commission from reporting to the justice minister.

Hearing has been set for Sept. 24, dealing only with the Bence application.

Mr. Bence's affidavit states that "without previous warning to me I was put on oath by J. H. Quinlan, investigator, and questioned by Douglas Brown, counsel for the combines board."

The testimony was contained in a 38-page document dated Dec. 8, 1952. Mr. Bence alleges the transcript is incorrect in several places—in one instance the words "mark up" appear where he used the word "margin."

## No Militia To Be Called

VICTORIA (C)—The army will be called in to put down Doukhobor lawlessness only at the request of the RCMP, Premier Bennett has announced.

He was replying to questions about a possible railwaymen's strike in the Sons of Freedom territory unless the government called in the militia.

Premier Bennett said such a drastic step would be taken only if the RCMP found themselves unable to cope with the situation and called for help.

"So far, he said, there has been no such request from the police.

"We're giving them 100 per cent co-operation," he said.



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## Hitch-Hiker Irritating To Policeman

PORTHLEVEN, Eng. (Reuters)—Police Constable Frank Sandercock took off his helmet—one of those typically English coal scuttle types—and laid it on a roadside hedge as he pumped up a punctured bicycle tire near here Tuesday.

He put it back on his head when he finished fixing the flat, remounted his bike and started a 2½-mile ride to this little Cornish fishing village. As he rode, he became aware of an irritation on top of his head.

When he entered the village 15 minutes later, the irritation had developed into an itch. So he lifted his helmet and scratched his head.

That didn't help and the itch became itchier as he directed traffic in Porthleven's cobbled main street.

Annoyed, Sandercock took off the helmet again, determined to find the bee or whatever it was in his bonnet.

What he found was a 15-inch adder, England's only poisonous snake, coiled up in the crown of the hat.

The cop hastily dumped the reptile into the road and a passer-by killed it.

"It sure is lucky I've got a good crop of hair," said Sandercock as he mopped his brow.

An adder bite seldom proves fatal to an adult, but can bring painful illness.

WANTA RIDE?—These dare-devils ride high above the clouds over a 3,200-foot gorge in the Bavarian Alps. The fellow below just went along for the ride.

## Russia Assigns Envoy to Greece

ATHENS (AP)—The Greek government has announced that the Soviet Union had agreed to the appointment of Alexander Kontoumas as ambassador to the Kremlin. Kontoumas now is ambassador to Turkey.

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