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PHIL MILLER, 41, Railway Express driver at Philadelphia, took Mrs. Miller and children, ranging in age from 3 to 21, down to his employer's new Philadelphia terminal to celebrate the company's 115th anniversary. The Miller family officially placed the first poster on one of the agency's 16,000 vehicles.

Telephone Company Takes Over Government Phone System Tomorrow

The B.C. Telephone Co. will operate the greater portion of the territory involved, including exchanges in Central B.C. and the Cariboo, those on the Sechelt Peninsula and on the west coast of Vancouver Island, and those on certain islands between the mainland and Vancouver Island.

"Already our men have gone into the field to begin the gathering of data on which to base a program of expansion and improvement," Mr. Pipes said. "This program will have

three main phases:

- "Providing additional long-distance circuits;
- "Giving telephone service to many of the people who are waiting;
- "Gradually improving existing plants. Already we have increased the long distance facilities between Vancouver and Central B.C. and more circuits are to be added soon. Other improvements in long distance service are planned for the near future."

Mr. Pipes said that the telephone companies will employ all government personnel who are at present in the telephone field, and will pay these employees not less than they are now receiving. In general the wage scales of the telephone companies are higher than those of the government system.

The exchanges in the government system will be operated under the tariff rates and regulations prevailing throughout the territories of the two telephone companies.

Boundaries are being set for each exchange and each will be placed in a rate group according to the number of telephones in the exchange, under the companies' officially filed tariffs. Several areas classified as exchanges have no switchboards of their own and will continue to be served from nearby switchboards.

A monthly rental charge will apply to telephones in areas designated as exchanges, while telephones outside an exchange area will be classed as toll (long distance) stations.

Monthly rentals on toll stations will be abolished, but there will be a charge for all calls placed from them, even to other telephones on the same line. A minimum monthly guarantee will be required.

The companies follow the standard practice of having higher rates for business than for residence service. While business rates will go up, the basic rentals for multi-party residence service will drop, so that the rates for the majority of the subscribers will be reduced. The surcharge on monophones will be abolished.

Some short-haul long distance rates will be higher, but those on calls between the old government territory and that of the telephone companies will be generally lower.

The North West Telephone Company will operate exchanges on the Queen Charlotte Islands. The agent at Queen Charlotte city will be Miss Edna Beaven, while Mrs. Doris Leary will act as agent at Port Clements. The agent appointed at Massett is Mrs. Norah Stewart-Burton. All are former government employees.

At Terrace, the B.C. Telephone Company has appointed Miss Eva Grace Molitor as chief operator and local representative.

Hazelton will be included in B.C. Telephone Company territory, and the company has appointed Miss Marion J. Roy, former government operator, as chief operator and local representative.

STRIP-TEASER BITE ON ACTOR

ANGELES — A \$25,000 suit for damages has been filed by movie actor Sonny Tufts against a strip-tease dancer, who accused him of biting her on the neck.

Atkins, 27, stated in her complaint that she had been cooking dinner March 13 for Tufts and two other men when Tufts suddenly lunged at her and bit her neck.

J. Young Transferred Post in New Westminster

Mr. J. Young, 39-year-old, salesman here since 1951, was top salesman in North America. Both will receive valuable prizes.

The prize is the second major award won by Mr. Young while an employee of the company here. In 1950, his first year as manager, he won an expensive trip to Bermuda for himself and his wife for recording the highest sales volume increase in Canada.

Mr. Young was born in Dauphin, Manitoba, where he received his education and moved to Kamloops in 1937 where he spent a year with the Swift Canadian company before going to Vancouver.

He did various jobs in the southern city before rejoining Swifts in Kamloops in 1942 and was transferred here the same year. He started as a warehouseman and remained at that job until his appointment as a salesman in 1946. In 1950, he took over as manager from Martin Stuart, who moved to Vancouver.

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School Blast Kills Children

CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. — At least 11 persons, most of them school children, were killed today in an explosion and fire that ripped through the frame annex of an elementary school in this Buffalo suburban community.

At least 19 others were burned or injured.

\$250,000 Forestry Building To Be Erected Here This Year

French Hurl Back New Attacks

HANOI, Indo-China—(AP)—The defenders of Dien Bien Phu today hurled back attack after attack from screaming Vietminh shock troops, interspersing savage counter-attacks of their own.

The French high command announced at noon that the garrison was holding all its positions.

Overhead, every fighter and bomber the French could muster laid down blazing barrages of napalm and strafed Vietminh concentrations in the greatest aerial assault of the seven-year campaign.

The Vietminh made six successive attacks on the fortress defences but were thrown back each time, and each time the French Union troops moved out in counter-attacks.

Rested and regrouped after the pounding they took in their initial assaults on the fortress in mid-March, the Communist rebels opened their second offensive Tuesday night.

Resumption of the all-out drive to overwhelm France's northwest Indo-China holding came after two weeks of rebel regrouping in the jungles hills following an initial assault in which the Vietminh lost an estimated 12,000 casualties.

French Army headquarters said the new assault followed a violent artillery barrage.

The French Union defenders inside their barbed-wire-ringed bunkers were confident they could drive off the assault.

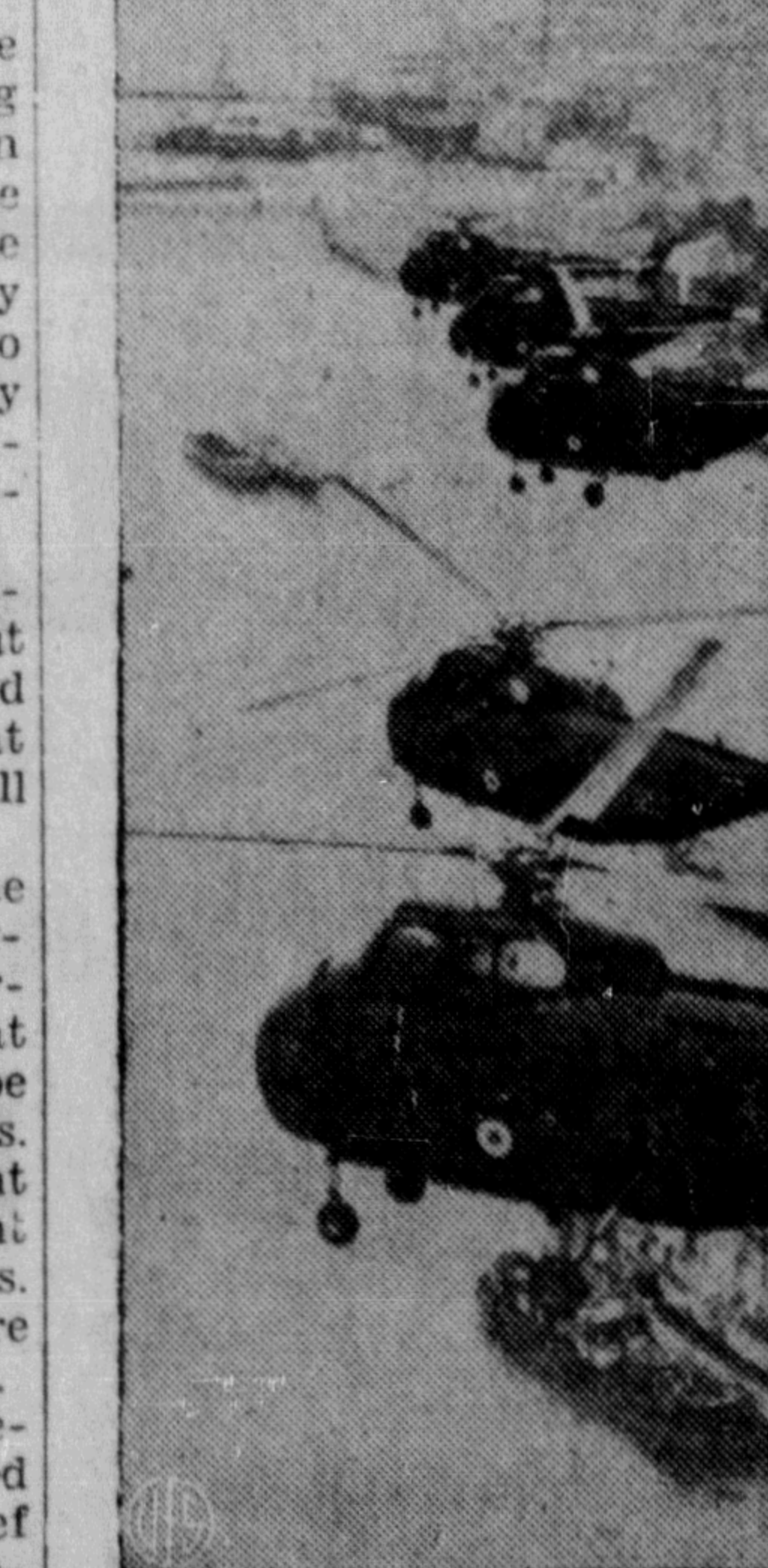
QCA To Resume Summer Flights

VANCOUVER — Queen Charlotte Airlines has announced it will resume spring and summer flights to Kitimat, Kamano and Kildala Thursday.

Effective May 1, the air line will fly a DC-3 as far as Port Hardy, where passengers to Kitimat will transfer to a Canco.

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A FORMATION of Squadron 845 anti-submarine helicopters flies over ships in the Solent River at Gosport, England, after being inaugurated into operational service. The British Royal Navy planes are American-built Sikorsky S-55s. Part of their anti-sub equipment is known as the "dipping asdic," a device for detection of underwater craft. The squadron is expected to be based at Malta in the early summer.



SOOR PUSS—"Sure, I'm sour . . . and you'd feel the same way if you had a name like 'Mourade-Gallant-Homme.'" The other cats don't dig me at all because of my fancy moniker. This unhappy-looking bleu Persian, three years old, is appearing at a Paris cat show.

Five Per Cent Sales Tax Effective Tomorrow

Opposition members of the B.C. Legislature yesterday lost a last-ditch attempt to stop or alter the government's act to increase the sales tax from three to five per cent.

At 2:45 p.m. today Lieutenant-Governor Clarence Wallace gave Royal assent to two acts that will increase the sales tax and abolish hospital insurance premiums, completely revising B.C.'s hospital insurance financing.

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real property in order to carry out a fixed price or lump sum contract entered into before March 9 for the construction or repair or improvement of real property, the contractor may apply to the government for a refund of two per cent.

● Where delivery is taken of property in execution of a firm contract made with the vendor by the purchaser before March 9, a refund also may be applied for.

S. L. Wilkins, Prince George, social service tax representative for the B.C. department of finance, suggested that in the matter of children's clothing, all dealers should record on their invoice the size of the exempt garment.

Children's clothing and shoes which will be exempt from the five per cent sales tax are as follows:

- Children's dresses, suits, coats, shirts, underwear, sweaters, pyjamas" up to and including girls' size 14x and boys' size 15 (33-inch).
- Children's hose up to and including girls' size 9½ and boys' size 10.
- Children's gloves up to and including girls' and boys' size 7.
- Children's hats up to and including girls' size 22 and boys' size 7.
- Children's footwear up to and including girls' and boys' size 6.

The new tax schedule means purchasers will pay one cent on an article costing from 15 to 29 cents. One half cent will be considered as one cent.

Here is how it works:

Sale Price (\$)	Tax (c)
.15 to .29	.01
.30 to .49	.02
.50 to .69	.03
.70 to .89	.04
.90 to 1.09	.05
1.10 to 1.29	.06
1.30 to 1.49	.07
1.50 to 1.69	.08
1.70 to 1.89	.09
1.90 to 2.09	.10
2.10 to 2.29	.11
2.30 to 2.49	.12
2.50 to 2.69	.13
2.70 to 2.89	.14
2.90 to 3.09	.15
3.10 to 3.29	.16
3.30 to 3.49	.17
3.50 to 3.69	.18
3.70 to 3.89	.19
3.90 to 4.09	.20
4.10 to 4.29	.21
4.30 to 4.49	.22
4.50 to 4.69	.23
4.70 to 4.89	.24
4.90 to 5.09	.25

Funds in Estimates Says Lands Minister

A two-storey building to house all operations of the provincial forestry department in this area is expected to be built here this summer.

A. Bruce Brown, Liberal M.L.A. for Prince Rupert, said today he was advised in the Legislature by R. E. Sommers, minister of forests, that a forestry building is assured for this city this year.

Funds have been provided in this year's estimates and tenders will be called soon.

The structure of reinforced concrete which will cost some \$250,000, will be 120 feet long and 40 feet wide. It will be built in the form of an arc just off the roadway at the northern end of the present Court House building.

The forestry department here at the present time is spread throughout the Court House building and the Forest Ranger has his office in the downtown Besner Block.

There are some 45 employees in the department, headed by Percy Young, the district forester. His territory stretches from the Yukon border to Rivers Inlet, including the Queen Charlotte Islands, and eastward to Endako.

In the basement of the new building there will be a headquarters store room, work shop and garage. The forest service division, general office of the operations department, ranger, inspector of scalers, radio room and lunchroom will be on the first floor.

The district forester, his assistant, the general office and other departments will be on the second floor.

Tenders for the building were called last fall but were rejected as being too high. No Prince Rupert firms submitted tenders.

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Disabled Tug Reaches Safety

VANCOUVER — The tug Burnaby M reached Skidegate in the Queen Charlottes Monday night after drifting helplessly off L'Anse-au-Loup when its engines failed. A rescue tug was ready to leave Sandspit when the Burnaby M got under way.

Police Checking Highway Death

SURREY, B.C. — The body of a man was found late Tuesday on the Trans-Canada highway near Surrey and RCMP said they were "looking into the circumstances" of his death. Police are withholding the man's name pending notification of relatives.

Trail Plebiscite Approves Three Outlets For Liquor

TRAIL — Three types of provincially-conducted plebiscite ended here today.

Between 30 and 50 per cent of those eligible cast ballots Tuesday night and the vote was 1,929 to 995 in favor of dining rooms selling beer and wine; 1,990 to 873 in favor of dining rooms selling all types of liquor and 2,308 to 770 in favor of cocktail bars.

It was the first liquor plebiscite held under British Columbia's new liquor legislation and to pass, bylaws needed a 55 per cent affirmative vote.

A UBCM delegation asked the cabinet for about \$3,000,000 which municipalities figure they lost by the defeat of the Rolston formula last year and another \$3,000,000 to cover increased school costs this year.

In a brief, the delegation said the municipalities' one-fifth share of the five per cent sales tax will not cover increased school costs. However, it did not ask for an increase from one-fifth but only direct grants.

B.C. Labor To Protest New Code

VICTORIA — What is expected to be the biggest mass labor protest meeting in the history of British Columbia starts here Wednesday.

About 400 representatives of trade unions from throughout the province will gather here for a two-day meeting to discuss the government's new Labor Relations Act.

The act, which takes the place of the Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act, makes sweeping changes in labor laws and has been condemned by many labor leaders as being dictatorial and for concentrating too much power in the hands of the minister of labor.

Delegates will also discuss the Workmen's Compensation Act amendments introduced last week.

The government is not expected to introduce the bills for second reading until after the labor meeting ends Thursday.

The Liberal and CCF members have said they will attend the labor sessions as will at least some Social Crediters.

Labor Minister Lyle Wicks refused to say if he would attend. George Home, secretary of the B.C. Federation of Labor, said two Social Crediters have said they "didn't feel happy" about the act. Just how unhappy they are isn't known. It would only take three Social Credit members voting against the government to defeat the bill.

Mr. Wicks said he hoped the delegates would have a good meeting and that the delegates would be successful in "getting down and looking at the act."

"I think it is a very good act," he said.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. The Thursday afternoon session will be closed to the public.

A long-drawn out battle in the legislature over the new act is promised. CCF members are prepared to submit a long series of amendments.

The meeting is reminiscent of the mass meeting and lobby conducted by labor when the ICA Act was introduced in 1947. The government then only accepted one of 53 amendments submitted by the seven-man CCF group.

House and Boat Lost in Fire

Ludwig Lindner of Oona River, Porcher Island, lost his home and boat house in a fire early yesterday morning.

Explosion of an oil tank in the fire roused residents of the area at about 5 a.m. yesterday. Police are investigating the blaze which almost completely destroyed the two buildings.