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SENATOR REID SEES INSIDIOUS CAMPAIGN

Pacific Fish Pact Of Real Benefit to British Columbia

Salmon, Halibut and Herring Protected From Japanese Encroachment

OTTAWA (Canadian Press)—A British Columbia fisheries expert Tuesday night described criticism of the recently-signed Pacific fisheries treaty as a campaign to cause Canadian-United States friction.

Senator Thomas Reid, Liberal and chairman of the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission, told the Senate that a high pressure campaign is under way by "certain officials of the United Fishermen's and Allied Workers' Union of British Columbia."

Some 12,000 postcards had been circulated to be forwarded to British Columbia Members of Parliament in an attempt to prevent parliamentary ratification of a treaty recently signed among Canada, the United States and Japan.

Actually, Senator Reid said, the treaty would prevent Japanese fishing of salmon, halibut and herring off the North American coast.

In addition, Canadian fishermen, for the first time, would be able to fish in all Alaskan waters and in waters extending south from the Straits of Juan de Fuca along the United States coast proper.

"This concession," he said, will be of extreme importance to British Columbia, especially as it has long been contended that most of the salmon in the Gulf of Alaska head for the Skeena River in British Columbia where they were born and raised.

"This valuable concession granted to British Columbia fishermen may very well bring about a much-needed treaty between Canada and the United States for Skeena River and Alaska salmon and similar to that of the treaty between the United States and Canada for the sockeye salmon of the Fraser River."



MOVING—Dr. Ball C.C.C. General Manager

Dr. Ball to Vancouver

General Manager of Columbia Cellulose Moving Expansion On Schedule

Dr. Ralph H. Ball, general manager of Columbia Cellulose Co., who has been located at Prince Rupert during the past year co-ordinating the local pulp mill in the initial phases of its operations, will be leaving for Vancouver April 1 to make his new headquarters.

With Dr. Ball's departure, which was according to original company plan, local control of the industry will be in the hands of three key administrators:

W. C. R. Jones, mill manager, R. L. Johnson, woods manager, L. E. Cuthbertson, comptroller.

GOOD PROGRESS

Dr. Ball told the Daily News today that operations at the Watson Island plant were proceeding at a good clip and the extension program is on schedule.

The new water treatment plant is taking shape and getting up to the 20 or 30 foot level. By the middle of summer it should be in operation.

The work of increasing the daily capacity of the mill by fifty percent from 200 to 300 tons is proceeding satisfactorily and during the latter part of 1953 the objective should have been reached. There is some delay in getting delivery of machinery and equipment for installation in the existing buildings.

The pyrite burner, which will produce sulphur from the iron pyrites ore from Britannia, eliminating the long haul of sulphur from Texas, is expected to be in operation by late summer.

May Retroact WCB Boosts

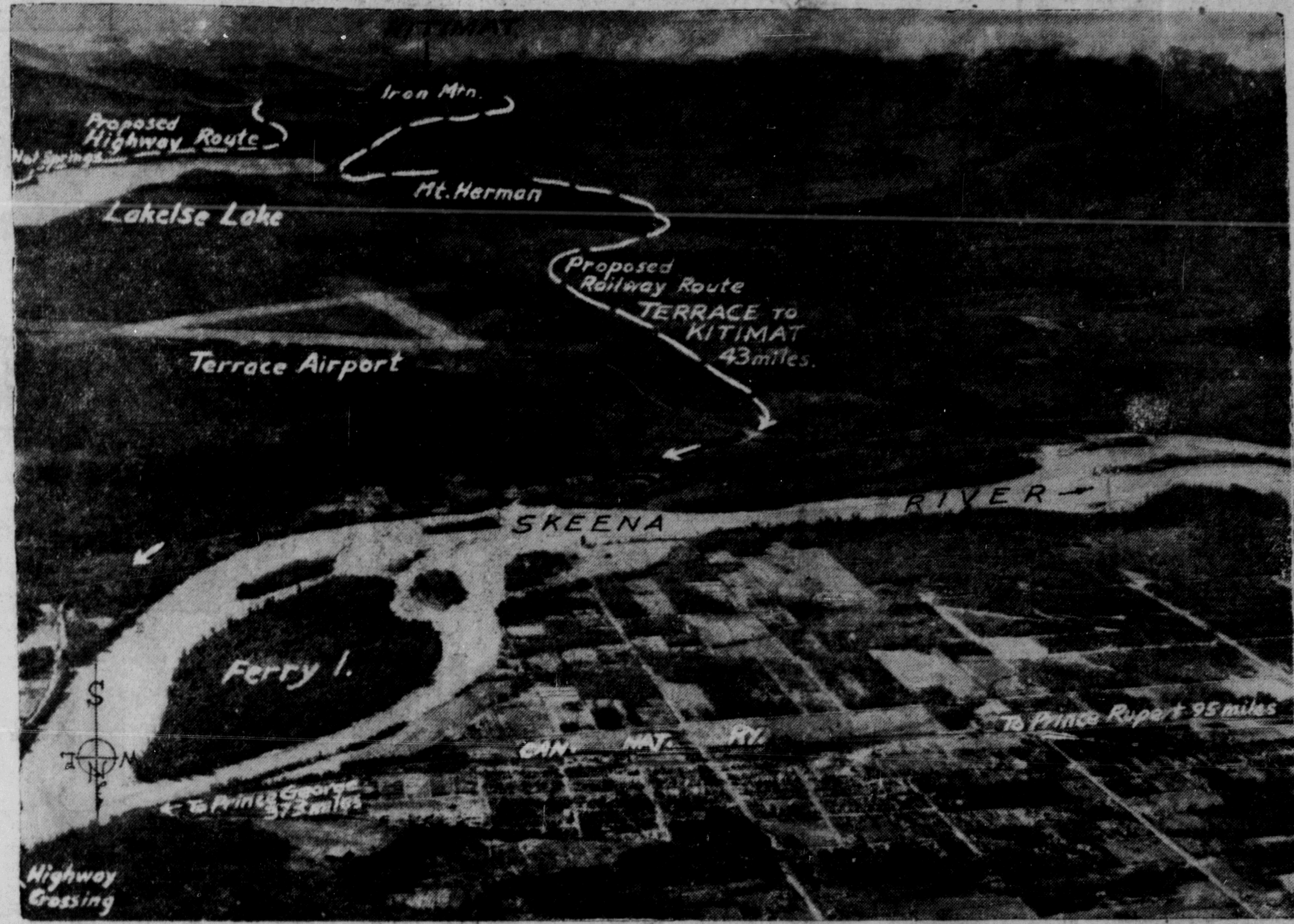
VICTORIA — The provincial government is considering the possibility of paying new increased Workmen's Compensation benefits on a retroactive basis.

It has been learned that a government caucus Monday appointed a committee to investigate the situation.

The main task of the committee is to determine the cost of making the increases retroactive.

About 1500 widows and hundreds of other types of compensation cases would be affected.

The government has been under heavy attack — from inside and outside the party — ever since it announced higher compensation payments would apply only to future cases except in the cases of orphans and crippled dependent children. They would be paid on a retroactive basis.



KITIMAT TO TERRACE—This aerial photo shows the projected route of the 43-mile railway which is to be built as a branch of the Canadian National Railways to connect up the great new aluminum smelter of the Aluminum Co. of Canada at Kitimat with the main railway line at Terrace. Bill to authorize the financing of the construction of the railway is being introduced by the Minister of Transport in Parliament at Ottawa tomorrow. Cost of the line, which goes through a convenient divide between the Skeena and Kitimat river valleys, is estimated at upwards of \$10,000,000. Negotiations for the right-of-way are being conducted with the provincial government. Town of Terrace is indicated in the foreground.

Take-up Ottawa

Named Permanent Representative to NATO

Prime Minister Laurent's right hand man named clerk of the Council and secretary of one of the key jobs in the Hill.

Appointment of J. W. Pickership to the \$15,000 a year job announced today by the Minister as part of top-level official reshuffle.

Heaney, 50, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs to the new full-time Atlantic post as ambassador to Paris and permanent representative.

Walgren, High Commissioner in London, comes home to job.

Robertson, 48, clerk of the Council and secretary of the Minister, goes to London as assistant, a job he held from 1949.

Dupuy, ambassador to the Netherlands, becomes ambassador to Italy.

Appointment is effective April 15, the deputy appointments May 1 and the others later.

Taxation Embargo Soon?

Minister of Finance Harry Bowman said in the House of Commons that he likely know Thursday when British Columbia relax its ban on prairie beef.

He is hoping very much that the embargo will be relaxed by the end of the month. "This is fair," he said, "if there are no further outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease."

Against bringing in meat from the States was slapped on soon after the outbreak of the disease in the States.

David Ure, minister of Agriculture from Alberta, is coming to Victoria tomorrow to ask the Government to lift the embargo on livestock and dressed meat from that province.

New Island Pacific

A new submarine similar to the phenomenon of 100 years ago, has reared its head 250 feet above the surface in an area of about 100 acres. It is reported here that about 300 miles north of

Alleged Bookies Vancouver Freed

VANCOUVER (Canadian Press)—All twenty-two men accused of conspiring to operate a \$6,000-a-year bookmaking racket in Vancouver were freed Tuesday night. Twenty-five men and a woman, three of them publishers or distributors of information, were acquitted by an Assize Court jury.

The jury retired at 2:50 p.m. and returned their "not guilty" verdict 3 1/2 hours later.

The verdict came after 22 days of testimony.

Prosecutor Gordon Scott said the crown will not appeal the acquittal, adding: "The crown cannot appeal an acquittal based on facts."

E. Massie White, alleged to have been the "kingpin" of what the crown called a gigantic conspiracy operating here between 1947 and 1951, told reporters he did not plan to restore his racing wire service from the United States.

Originally 33 persons were rounded up in a police sweep last October. Charges laid against seven were dismissed at a 14-day preliminary hearing.

High-Scoring Eilers Rout Travel-Weary Challengers

Tired but uninjured after an accident-marred car trip from Penticton, Prince Rupert Co-op Challengers were overpowered last night by Vancouver Eilers 75-44 in the first game of the best-of-three series for B.C.'s Senior "A" men's basketball championship.

Second game will be played tonight.

Challengers, who finished with a best-of-three semi-final series at Penticton on Monday night, did not arrive in Vancouver until 6 p.m.—some of them later—and had no time for a workout on the large King Ed gym floor prior to the game.

The Vancouver squad was ahead all the way, leading off with a 23-3 first quarter storm. The lopsided win came as a revenge for Eilers, nearly defeated in an exhibition series in Prince Rupert last year.

Eilers were sparked by diminutive Norm Watt who came through the game with 21 points. Prince Rupert team was kept off balance by the Vancouverites who kept a close checking man-to-man defence.

Challengers fought hard but Eilers' tall men and sensational shooting of Watt was too much for the tired travellers. The middle stanzas, however, showed a lot of spark by the visitors as they gave up three points in the second and tied the third quarters.

However, Challengers seldom got under the basket and had to rely on long shots for their points. Their mainstay throughout the game, Don Scherk, who garnered 13 points, left in the fourth quarter on fouls.

Refereeing was strict—much more so than in Prince Rupert, local observers seeing the game, commented. Davis showed up well in defence and Spring combined with Scherk for 24 points between them.

The Vancouver team really rolled in the fourth, playing the finest ball of the year according to Vancouver observers, chalking up 25 points to Rupert's 16. Normie Watt got seven and centreman "Long John" Forsyth tallied six.

Logging Truck Creates Havoc

PARKSVILLE (CP)—A runaway logging truck and trailer demolished two buildings in this Vancouver Island town Tuesday and sent six persons to hospital. Two are in critical condition.

The big truck, loaded with 10-foot pulp logs, thundered into the stores like a tank when it failed to make a turn after coming down a steep grade into town. After hitting one store, it careened into another on the opposite side of the street.

Six of the injured were trapped in the buildings for more than half an hour.

Rescuers worked feverishly to dig their way into the stores from the rear as moans of the injured could be heard from the street.

A pregnant woman in an apartment over one of the stores escaped unhurt.

Police, firemen and spectators removed the injured from the wrecked buildings.

Women Killed as Plane Crashes in Florida Course

JACKSONVILLE, Florida—Two women golfers were killed when a United States Air Force plane, its motor out and silenced, crashed onto a golf course near here.

Ontario Railway Subsidy

Would Mean Elimination of Transcontinental Rate Increase

OTTAWA (CP)—Proposed new \$7,000,000 subsidy on rail traffic running across northern Ontario could mean reduction of up to five percent in freight rates on goods moving between eastern and western Canada.

This move would largely eliminate the latest general rate increase of 4 1/2 percent granted by the Board of Transport Commissioners this winter.

Western recipients of goods would be the largest biggest beneficiaries.

Analysis of exhibits submitted at a subsidy hearing before the

—WEATHER—

Synopsis
Cool Pacific air covered all regions of British Columbia this morning. Overnight temperature ranged from thirty to thirty-five near the coast and fifteen to twenty degrees in many of the interior valleys. Scattered showers occurred at a few points along the coast and over the southern interior mountains. Cold air from the northern area of the province is expected to push slowly into the central regions followed by temperatures a little lower than those of the past few days. There is little present indication of any marked change along the coast or over the southern interior.

Forecast
North Coast Region—A few clouds near northern Vancouver Island and the southern Queen Charlottes today and Thursday. Clear along the northern mainland. Continuing cool. Winds, light. Lows tonight and highs Thursday— at Port Hardy, 30 and 45; Sandspit, 25 and 40; Prince Rupert, 20 and 40.

—TIDES—

Thursday, March 20, 1952

High 7:54 18.1 feet
21:51 16.0 feet

Low 1:39 10.6 feet
15:04 5.7 feet

Commonwealth Parley Sought

Drew Worried About Canadian Market Situation—Confidence Vote For Government

OTTAWA — New demand for a Commonwealth Trade Conference was made yesterday as the House of Commons concluded a wide-ranging Throne Speech debate by defeating the last of four opposition motions of non-confidence in the government.

The demand was made by George Drew, leader of the Progressive Conservative Opposition, who said a "serious" situation faces this country unless markets can be found for Canadian production including livestock and dairy products.

M. Drew spoke shortly before members voted 139 to 57 against a Social Credit motion criticizing the government for "failure" to provide "adequate" inducements for expansion of food production and economic and orderly distribution of food surpluses.

Earthquake Hits Sicily

CATANIA, Sicily — Walls crumbled and one person was crushed to death today when a powerful earthquake shook historic Mount Etna area.

Scores were injured. Damage was widespread. Santa Venerina, east of the famous Sicilian volcano, was shattered.

Many persons were injured and homes demolished.