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Sunday, June 17, 1956
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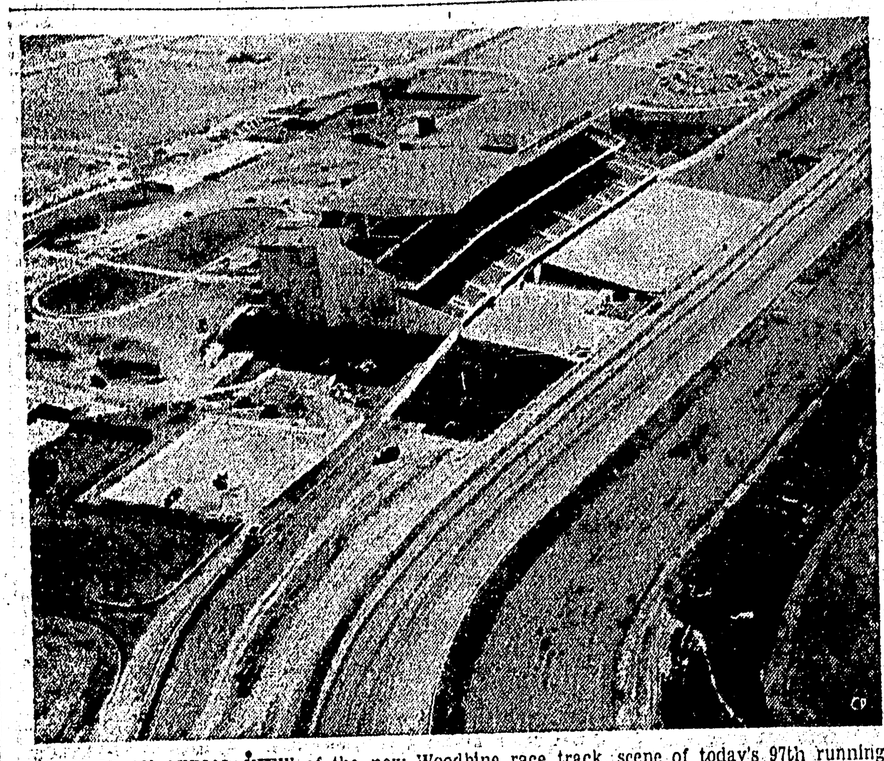


THIS IS AN AERIAL VIEW of the new Woodbine race track, scene of today's 97th running of the Queen's Plate. Built at a cost of $13,000,000, the new track is North America's newest and most elaborate. It is located in the Toronto suburb of Malton. The stand holds more than 6,000. Stretch of the mile track is in front of the grandstand and behind can be seen the walking ring. Ponds and garden are located in the infield. (CP Photo)

Squamish Railway Link Project Expensive Circus Says Laing

PGE Rails Torn Up Following Hat Bet

The people of British Columbia are being treated to an extremely expensive political circus, Arthur Laing, provincial Liberal party leader told nearly 100 persons at a meeting in the Civic Centre last night.

Speaking of "the great hat event" on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway in which railways Minister Chetwynd won a bet that the Vancouver-Squamish section of the line would be completed by June 11, Mr. Laing said that "the silly act of a silly man" could have cost the people of B.C. hundreds of thousands of dollars.

He said one of the contractors on the rail line told Mr. Chetwynd that his workmen couldn't meet the deadline but that the minister told him to lay the rails anyway.

"So the rails were laid and the train ran over them and Mr. Chetwynd collected his hats."

"The next day the tracks were pulled up and the workmen have gone back to dumping tons of rock to complete the roadbed."

Another contractor told him, Mr. Laing said, that since the train had run over the tracks, the job could be considered at an end and the contract fulfilled. That could mean, he said, that the remainder of the work to be done in finishing the rail line properly, would be done on a cost-plus basis.

The Vancouver-Squamish section of the PGE cost was estimated at $10,000,000 for 40 miles. An estimate for the same 40 miles of road had been set by the government at $6,000,000.

"But," Mr. Laing said, "Mr. Chetwynd has already bet three of his hats with Premier Bennett that it will cost $21,000,000."

The Liberal leader said that a veteran powder and rock man had told him that the road, which is to run above the rail line, will have to be blasted with dynamite.

And where will the rocks go?" he asked. "On the railway."

No Need For Panhandle Corridors

He said that there was no reason for Premier Bennett to make a hydro deal with the United States government for access corridors through the Alaska panhandle.

From the projected Taku hydro development in northern British Columbia and Yukon "you can conduct by high voltage power up to 650 miles.

"Why make concessions to the U.S. for access to the Pacific when by paralleling the Panhandle you can bring down all the northern power of the Yukon system, without loss, to the Terrace and Prince Rupert areas for manufacturing purposes."

Mr. Laing said the same plan could apply to Premier Bennett's proposal to take the PGE to Whitehorse. Instead of taking the rail line in that direction and still needing access to the Pacific, the railway could be built behind the panhandle down to Prince Rupert, with its third biggest harbor in the world.

It was the object of the B.C. Liberal party, when returned to power, to ensure that municipalities, school boards and hospital boards were given back the governing powers on the local level that they enjoyed before the Social Credit government began trying to take over all authority.

He said that the time was coming when British Columbia would have to make a stand on the exploitation of its resources.

Too Many Resources Going Out

"While Canada needs all the money it can get we are losing too much of our wealth with little coming back," Mr. Laing said.

He said that last year 95 million feet of lumber in chips was shipped out of B.C. to make pulp in the United States.

"The new vessel being built for Crown Zellerback, the 'Duncan Bay' was fitted with special tanks so that 20,000 tons of liquid pulp could be shipped from the Elk Falls plant to the U.S. to save manufacturing paper in Canada."

Instead of the U.S. hiding behind a 27½ per cent tariff wall they will have to make their goods in this country, he said.

He said the total debts of B.C. at the time the Johnson government resigned was $53,000,000. Today, Mr. Laing said despite the premier's claims that the provincial debt was being reduced B.C.'s contingent liabilities totalled $146,680,000.

"When Mr. Bennett gets through electioneering in Saskatchewan, where he has no right to be, he said he intends to borrow another $40,000,000," the Liberal party chieftain said.

"But according to deputy finance minister J. V. Fisher, that isn't enough."

"Mr. Fisher told me that we actually need $45,000,000 to get through the year," Mr. Laing said.

He added that Mr. Bennett claims that contingent liabilities 'pay their own way.'

"That is not true. We owe every penny of it."

Tells of Socreds' "Big Deals"

After describing the Liberals as the most "effective part of the Opposition at the last session," Mr. Laing said that to the Socreds "everything they did was 'a deal'."

He said Mr. Bennett and former lands and forests minister Sommers signed "a deal" whereby a U.S. concern was to get B.C. power for 50 years at $1,000,000 a year for a million horse power, Mr. Laing said.

"A horse-power is worth $250," the Liberal leader said," so we were going to let $250,000,000 worth of power annually go for $1,000,000."

Fortunately, he said, the federal government stepped in and prevented the proposal going through.

Mr. Laing said that he pointed out to Premier Bennett that the dictionary defined "a deal" as "an arrangement for mutual advantage, quite often political and quite often dishonest and underhand."

"After that the word 'deal' was not used by the Socreds."

Also speaking to the meeting was A. Bruce Brown, MLA Prince Rupert who said that the Social Credit government was encroaching on the rights of municipalities and school boards and hospitals.

He said that it had got to the stage now where not only did a school board have to submit its budget to the provincial government, but the latest request was that the boards send in copies of the minutes of every meeting.

"We are losing the freedoms we formerly enjoyed," he said. "Victoria should not meddle in municipal matters. It is discouraging energetic people from running for civic, school and parks boards."

Mr. Brown said that over in the Queen Charlottes he and Mr. Laing found that 175,000,000 feet of timber was cut annually, "more than a quarter of the total B.C. log-cut of 630,000,000 feet."

This was worth a great deal in stumpage fees and royalties to the government he said, but little in the way of roads was being put back.

"No money is being spent over there nor over here," he said, adding that he doubted if the promised 30 miles of blacktop between Prince Rupert and Terrace would be accomplished this year.

T. Norton Youngs was chairman for the meeting.

Blacktop Program Underway

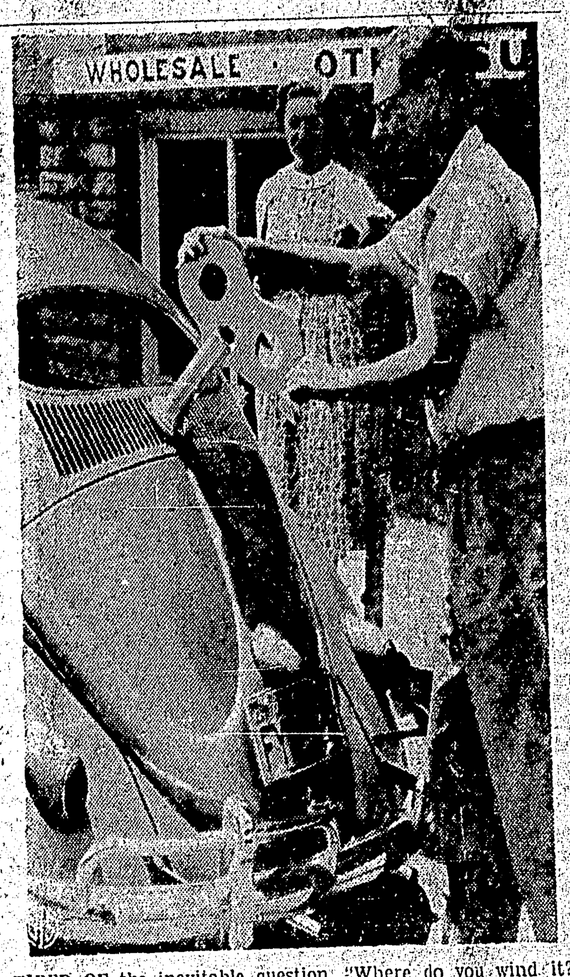
Highway 16 Gets First Oil Spray

A start has been made on the 1956 blacktopping program scheduled for 30 miles of Highway 16 between Prince Rupert and Terrace, it was learned today.

George Beaton, district highways superintendent, said that provincial highway's department crews had already started oil spraying in preparation for blacktopping from Shames to Terrace. This part of the program should be completed by August 6, the district superintendent said, adding that a section 21 miles long would be sprayed and then blacktopped.

Also planned is the hard surfacing of a stretch of highway in Terrace from the Village offices to the Home for the Aged.

On the Prince Rupert end, Mr. Beaton said, the highway will be brought up a foot with two-inch crushed gravel from Galloway Rapids bridge to where the road narrows for the summit. Preliminary spraying and blacktopping as far as Kloiya bay will be carried out later.



TIRED OF the inevitable question, "Where do you wind it?" Californian Cecil York installed a big key on the back of his toy-sized German car. Above, as his wife Helen looks on, York "winds up" the car during a trip pause at Fort Scott, Kansas. The Yorks, from San Fernando, California, were en route to Bolivar, Mo.

B.C. NEWS ROUNDUP

Top $65,000 Bail Set For Alleged 'King Pin'

VANCOUVER (CP)—Record bail of $65,000 was set in police court here Friday for Daniel (Red) Place, described as the chief of a Vancouver drug syndicate.

He is charged with conspiring to traffic in narcotics between Jan. 1, 1955, and June 14 this year, and was remanded to June 22.

City prosecutor Stewart McMorran asked for $50,000 bail and told magistrate Oscar Orr "This man holds a considerably higher position in the hierarchy" than two other men recently arrested on trafficking charges. "Bail for them was set at $30,000 each."

"He is not an addict and it will be alleged that he is head of the syndicate in Vancouver."

Harry Frank and John Petrie were arrested a week ago on a charge of conspiring to traffic in narcotics. Bail was set at $30,000.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Major crime here since Chief Constable George Archer took office in January has shown a marked drop from the same period last year, the police commission was told Thursday night.

In the same period revenue from fines jumped 30 per cent.

Chief Archer, formerly of the RCMP, succeeded Walter Mulligan following a royal commission investigation of Vancouver police affairs.

VICTORIA (CP)—B.C. Power Commission's application for a water licence for development in the Great Central-Sproat lakes area, announced Friday, is the first step in a $20,000,000 scheme to add 80,000 horsepower to Vancouver Island's electrical capacity, BCPC said.

The plan includes construction of three new power plants.

VICTORIA (CP)—Provincial forestry service has almost expended the $250,000 voted by the legislature to cover fire fighting costs for 1956.

With several danger months still ahead, the cost of fighting 1,200 fires throughout British Columbia since May 1 has been $244,617.

Only 10 new fires broke out in the province last week while 73 were still burning from the week before. About 35 were still burning Friday.

VICTORIA (CP)—A school for retarded children will open here this fall.

Duncan MacPhail, president of the Greater Victoria Association for Retarded Children, said the new school will train children not exceeding a mental age of eight years, and not considered eligible for present classes for slow learners.

TRAIL (CP)—The students of J. Lloyd Crowe Senior High School think a lot of their retiring principal, A. E. Allison.

In an hour-long farewell ceremony Friday they presented him with an eight-foot skiff, an outboard motor, a gasoline certificate, beach wear and a set of binoculars. Mr. Allison has been principal for 31 years.

Canadian Champ Wins 97th Plate

TORONTO (CP)— Unbeaten bay colt Canadian Champ kept his Canadian record unmarred this afternoon by winning the 97th running of the Queen's Plate in a breeze by slightly more than four lengths at the new Woodbine race track.

Ben Steen's Argent was second, E. P. Taylor's London Calling third and Mrs. E. P. Taylor's Censor fourth.

Canadian Champ, owned by Bill Beasley of Toronto, took an early lead over a field of nine other three-year-olds in the $45,000 classic. He sailed home in 1:55, a track record since today was the first time the new Woodbine track was used. Old Woodbine track record was 1:52.

Squadron Drill Praised At Annual Cadet Review

Praise for an outstanding drill performance by No. 559 Air Cadet Squadron was given by the reviewing officers at the squadron's annual inspection last night.

"Very good indeed," was the comment of Sqdn. Ldr. A. M. Ogilvie, of the RCAF at Sea Island, who arrived here yesterday to conduct the inspection. "I congratulate the squadron for its fine appearance and high standard of drill."

Speaking to the cadets after they had gone through their paces before the reviewing party on the court house steps, Sqdn. Ldr. Ogilvie expressed the hope that the squadron will "continue to be a credit to the Air Cadet League of Canada and to this town."

PARENT SUPPORT NEEDED

"To be successful, the squadron must always have the support of the parents and the community as a whole," he added. "I am pleased to see that so many have turned out to watch the parade tonight, and I wish to congratulate the sponsoring committee and the women's auxiliary who have done so much to support their squadron."

About 200 spectators risked the uncertain weather to watch the boys go through the formal procedure of parade and later carry out their precision drill, during which no word of command is given.

Also addressing the squadron, L. B. Quinn, vice-chairman of the provincial air cadet committee, congratulated the boys on their "fine turnout and smart appearance."

"The air cadet movement is a youth movement in which the RCAF is taking a keen interest," he said. "Nevertheless the boys need the support of the public in general and the help of their sponsoring committee in particular. I think the good attendance tonight shows that this is being realized."

Members of the visiting party were introduced by Jack Laurie, president of the local sponsoring committee, who also congratulated the squadron on its performance and felt sure that it had earned a place in the top bracket of squadrons throughout the province.

Mr. Laurie expressed thanks to the pipe band of the 120th troop of the Fifth Westcoast Harbor Defence Battery, RCA (M), for being in attendance, and for the help which army and navy units here have given to the air cadets.

TROPHY PRESENTED

A feature of the evening was the presentation of the Canadian Legion trophy to Jud Anderson for being selected as the outstanding first-year cadet in the squadron. The presentation was made by James Nicoll, president of the Legion's Branch 27.

While Flying Officer J. E. Barry, squadron commanding officer, was in charge of the full parade, the cadets were under the direct command of Warrant Officer Roy Sieber as they marched past in review. Sgt. Ed Turcotte gave the initial command for the precision drill. Also in the inspection party were Flt. Lt. Harold Carling, B.C. air cadet liaison officer, and Sgt. Ross.

IODE, LEGION TO HONOR DEAD OF TWO WORLD WARS SUNDAY

Combined chapters of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire will be joined tomorrow afternoon by Canadian Legion Branch 27 and Legion Women's auxiliary members in IODE "Decoration Day" ceremonies honoring the dead from two world wars.

The IODE flagbearers, drill team will meet the Legionaires, WA members, Canadian Women's Army Corps attached to the 120th troop of the 5th West Coast Harbor Defence Bty. RCA (M) and the 120th troop pipe band at 2 p.m. at the Legion auditorium. Under parade marshall John Laurie the contingent will march to the cenotaph where the IODE Legion and WA will place wreaths. Members of the public may also lay wreaths. Bugler William Rance will play "The Last Post."

At Fairview cemetery an address will be given by Rev. R. J. Wray of First Presbyterian church and IODE members will decorate veterans' graves with flags and poppies.

Expansion Plan Threatened

VANCOUVER (CP)— Aluminum Co. of Canada officials said Friday that plans to expand the aluminum smelter at Kitimat are threatened by a possible blockage in the 10-mile water power tunnel.

Head office of the company in Montreal confirmed reports current here for some days of a possible obstruction in the tunnel, which carries water from Tahtsa lake to the powerhouse at Kemano.

Officials said the tunnel will have to be drained or the flow of water reduced "to obtain a complete explanation of the interference," but production at the Kitimat smelter will not be interrupted.

They said power available despite the loss of head is more than enough to supply the four existing pot lines at the smelter, as well as units now under construction.

The obstruction is thought to be near the Horetzky creek access tunnel, above the 2,600-foot penstock.

USAF Discloses H-Bomb Two Miles Off Target

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The chief United States Air Force spokesman has disclosed that the first hydrogen bomb dropped from an American plane missed the target by about two miles.

Brig.-Gen. Robert Scott, air force director of information, declared the "whole thing was a human error."

In a telephone interview Friday night with the San Francisco Chronicle, the general said a 'memory switch" was not turned off when the bomb was dropped at Bikini atoll May 21. The 'memory switch" is a device which corrects an aircraft's wind drift.

Scott said the switch was "not turned off and the bomb was dropped in a yawing attitude."

CLOSE ENOUGH

"We don't want to come out and make a bunch of excuses but the bomb hit close enough to destroy anything, anywhere," he added.

Stories that the bomb missed its target had become current the last few days, with estimates of the miss up to seven miles. The air force in Washington had been noncommittal regarding the reports.

Scott said the miss was "around half" of a four-mile error which the New York Times reported, attributing it to unnamed Washington sources.

Scott said: "You will have human errors when humans are concerned.

Appeal For Workers At Salt Lakes Made

A general call for adult volunteers to turn out Sunday for a work party at Salt Lakes, was issued this morning by Hugo Kraupner, chairman of the Salt Lake provincial park development board.

Mr. Kraupner said that a good response had been received in the past from senior students, Prince Rupert Ski Club members, the Jaycee-ettes and other groups, but the general public had not shown too much interest.

The board chairman said that a large section of ditch had been "blown" with ditching powder and crews were needed to remove the loosened earth.

Volunteers were urged to bring shovels and to wear waterproof boots for the job. Free transportation will be provided to the park. The ferry leaves Cow Bay at 11 a.m. and every hour afterward, Mr. Kraupner said.

Visiting the park this morning was Arthur Laing, B.C. Liberal party leader who said that the people of Prince Rupert were to be congratulated for their efforts in rehabilitating the recreation area.

HUGO KRAUPNER
. . . seeks work crews

Claim Numbers To Be Sent WCB By TLC

The Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council will forward actual case claim numbers to the Workmen's Compensation board in order to back claims that delays of up to nine weeks had been experienced by workmen waiting for compensation cheques.

Action was taken this week after receipt of a letter from WCB commissioner C. W. Pritchard that his department was prepared to track down cause of the delays.

In May, the WCB expressed the opinion that part of the fault may have been with the medical association in not filing claims in time.

In its part, the medical association notified the TLC that among other causes for non-receipt of payment were failure of the workmen to keep appointments and failure of companies to send in compensation reports.

The Weather

Variable cloudiness after midday today. Rain tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Wind westerly 15 today and southeast 20 tomorrow. Low tonight and high Sunday at Port Hardy 47 and 60, Sandspit 45 and 55, Prince Rupert 50 and 60.

FINDS DAUGHTER DEAD

VISTA, Calif. (AP)—Leo Walton, 52, driver of a wrecker truck, was called to the scene of a car wreck Friday. It was the car of his daughter, Mrs. Lucila Hernandez, 23, who was killed in the crash.