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AN AND UNITED STATES officials meet at Ottawa for preliminary talks on joint par- n in construction of the St. Lawrence seaway. Seated, left to right, are: Robert Ander- deputy defence secretary; Hon. Lionel Chevrier, head of the Canadian seaway author- -Gen. B. L. Robertson, deputy chief of the U.S. Corps of Engineers. Standing are: R. nry, Canadian transport department special projects chief; Lewis Castle, administrator .S. seaway authority; and R. B. Bryce, conference chairman and secretary to the n cabinet. (CP Photo)

120th Heavy Ack Ack Battery To Be Part Of Harbor Defence

Target Date For Phones Sept. 19

Mayor Reports On New System

More than two years of planning and an expenditure of $675,000 will be culminated at one minute past midnight Sept. 19 when Prince Rupert switches over from manual to automatic dial telephones, it was announced yesterday.

The new cut-over date was made public for the first time yesterday by Mayor George Hills in a talk to the Rotary Club. Previous target date for inauguration of the new system was October 1.

Mayor Hills said the actual change-over would only take three minutes and the Sunday date had been chosen as it was a slack time.

The $675,000 was provided by a by-law approved by Prince Rupert residents on September 1952 and of the total abount $267,000 went to provide the outside pl nt.

Eight million combinations of numbers will be possible under the new system and to bring it into operation a co-ordinator, J. Adamson, had been hired, Mayor Hills said.

New connections to the present phone lines will be prohibited after Aug. 15, at which time the new system will be completely installed. The month's delay before the cut-over will be needed for extensive testing, Mayor Hills explained.

The Mayor said that there had been some complaints that the cost of advertising in the New Prince Rupert directory was too high. The city council have turned over the job of drawing up the new directory to Dominion Directories Ltd. who handle every detail except the printing.

The Mayor said that 60 per cent of the money raised from the advertising went to the city, which was a standard procedure recognized by the Board of Transport Commissioners. Out of their share, however, the city paid for the printing of the directory.

Some revenue may also be derived by the city from the installation of pay phones and 12 coin phones will also be provided. They will be placed at various strategic locations throughout the city, Mayor Hills asserted.

BRITAIN'S QUEEN ELIZABETH II rides in an open carriage with her guest, Sweden's King Gustav-Adolf (top), after he and his queen were welcomed to London on a four-day visit. At bottom, Swedish Queen Louise is accompanied by her nephew, the Duke of Edinburgh, in the procession to Buckingham Palace.

Militia Undergoes Sweeping Changes

By The Canadian Press

The 120th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery of Prince Rupert is one of several famed fighting units that vanished today in the reorganization of the 57,000-man Canadian militia.

The local reserve army battery, along with the 5th B.C. Coast Regiment at Victoria and the 75th B.C. Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment at Victoria, will be amalgamated and converted to the 5th West Coast Harbor Defence Regiment with headquarters at Victoria and detachments at coast points where required.

This was just one of the sweeping changes in the reserve army set up, announced today by army headquarters.

The reorganization follows adoption by the government of most of the recommendations in a report prepared for the defence department by three reserve force major-generals, H. F. G. Letson of Vancouver, E. J. Renaud of Montreal and Howard Kenney of Ottawa.

By corps, here is what is being done:

FORMATION HEADQUARTERS

The present brigade and other formation headquarters will be replaced by a new type to be known as militia group headquarters.

ARMORED CORPS

Transfer of the anti-tank defence role from the artillery to the armored corps requires eight more armored regiments.

ARTILLERY

The requirement for coast artillery, no longer exists. Due to improved detection devices, coastal defence becomes a primary responsibility of navy and air force.

The army's role will be one of harbor defence only. Therefore existing coast artillery units will be replaced by a harbor defence battery on each coast.

INFANTRY CORPS

The militia now contains more infantry regiments than required. To produce a more balanced structure, some will be amalgamated with other infantry regiments, some converted and some disbanded.

SERVICE CORPS

Army Service, Medical and Ordinance Corps will be reorganized to form units of varying size, determined by recruiting potentiality in the locality.

These are the B.C. changes. Units not mentioned are unaffected:

FORMATION HEADQUARTERS

Formation headquarters at Vancouver will be replaced by militia group headquarters. In addition, militia group headquarters will be located at Victoria

ARTILLERY

The 66th Light Anti-Aircraft battery of the Canadian Scottish Regiment at Duncan will be absorbed by the Canadian Scottish.

INFANTRY CORPS

The Westminster Regiment Motor battalion at New Westminster is to be converted to an infantry battalion.

SERVICE CORPS

The field type units at Abbotsford and Vancouver will be replaced by a new type company at each location.

MEDICAL CORPS

At Vancouver and Victoria medical units will be replaced by a medical company at each location.

Local Militia Still in Dark On New Role

Word that the 120th Heavy-Anti-Aircraft Battery at Prince Rupert had been absorbed into the newly formed 5th West Coast Harbor Defence Regiment came as news to Col. S. D. Johnstone, commanding officer of the local unit since 1927.

No official notification has been received of the change-over, Col. Johnstone said, adding that 12 members of the 120th are due to attend a course in integrated training with a regular AA battery in Victoria August 1.

Disposition of the 3.7 inch heavy AA gun with which the unit trains would have to await notification from Ottawa, Col. Johnstone said.

Advances made in long-range submarines and th eincreasing threat of air attack set Col. Johnstone to speculation as to the type of weapons which would be provided to the new harbor defence unit.

"Whether or not we will take over the six-inch coastal guns that were put in at Barrett Point during the last war, or whether guided missiles will be the order of the day, is hard to say," Col. Johnstone said.

The local militia group has undergone many changes since it was first formed as the Muskeg Scouts prior to the First World War. Following a visit of Earl Grey to the district, the Scouts were formed into the 68th Earl Grey's Own Rifles. In 1915 it went overseas as the 30th Btn CEF and was broken up for reinforcements. The unit remained in an infantry role after the first war and was formed into the 102nd North British Columbia Reg't. When the militia was re-organized in 1935 the local unit was formed into the 102nd Heavy Battery and in 1945 the 120th Heavy Coastal Bty was formed. A year later the unit underwent a further change and the 120th Heavy-Anti-Aircraft Bty was formed.

ysman Said on Payroll Reds in Spy Network

URNE (Reuters)—Mrs. Petrov today testified of returning to Russia her spy chief husband o a nervous wreck be- ade his decision to seek asylum in Australia.

ssian embassy official speak without tears in his hands trembled con- nd he seemed on the ommitting suicide. Mrs. old Australia's royal n on espionage.

vivacious Mrs. Petrov, he herself had not in- join her husband in ntil embassy officials "terrible treatment" defection April 2.

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ar they instilled in me e to stay here," she as afraid I was going ."

trov was testifying for h consecutive day be- commission, which is ing her husband's f widespread Russian in Australia.

s cross-examined to- wyer E. F. Hill, repre- Australian newspaper ert Lockwood who has ed as a Russian col- in the hearings.

wer to Hill's questions, she met Lockwood at ian embassy's back door allegedly came there "document J," a report contain libelous mater- prominent Australians.

She said she also packed three bottles of brandy for Lockwood to take away and saw a Russian official's statement that the journalist was paid $70 for his work. Hill denied that Lockwood received either money or brandy.

As the commission adjourned until Monday, Lockwood's lawyers pressed for an Australian high court to rule out further questioning of their client by the investigating body. They repeated arguments that continued commission hearings would constitute contempt of the high court, where Lockwood has filed a $23,500 libel suit against commission counsel W. J. Windeyer.

District Boy Will See Empire Games

A "Golden Boy" from the Prince Rupert area is to be chosen by the B.C. Athletic Round Table Society to attend the British Empire Games in Vancouver uly 30 to August 7.

The area includes Prince Rupert, Terrace and Kitimat.

The lucky boy, between the ages of 12 and 15, will be taken to Vancouver, see the Games during the first week in August and will be billetted with the athletes at Acadia Camp at UBC. He and five other boys from elsewhere in B.C. will be chaperoned by a YMCA instructor.

No method of choosing the Prince Rupert area boy has been announced yet. Tommy McMeekin, city representative of the Round Table Society said today. However, he said, it has been suggested that each service club in the city nominate boys or a boy and that at a fitting ceremony the mayor or another city dignatary could draw the lucky boy's name from a receptacle. Since the boy has to be selected within the next two weeks, there wouldn't be time for a competition by ballott, he said.

WEATHER

Forecast

North Coast Region: Cloudy today and Saturday. Occasional showers today. Rain tonight becoming shower Saturday morning. Little change in temperature. Winds southerly 15 increasing to southeast 25 overnight. Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy 50 and 62, Sandspit 47 and 57, Prince Rupert 47 and 60.

One Crewman Dead in Wreck As CPR Train Leaves Track

WETASKIWIN, Alta. (CP)—The engineer was killed and a locomotive and four baggage cars of the CPR's No. 52 eastbound passenger train crashed into a ditch four miles east of here early today.

Killed was engineer Giles Macdonald of Edmonton, a brother of Mr. Justice Hugh John Macdonald of the Alberta Supreme Court.

CPR officials declined to disclose the name of the fireman.

First reports said no passengers on the Edmonton-Winnipeg train were killed. It was not known if any were hurt. Initial reports were vague because the derailed cars knocked out telegraph lines.

All available ambulances from here went to the crash which happened in a remote section, far from the highway. Wetaskiwin is about 50 miles south of Edmonton.

The seven-car train was made up of one day coach, two sleepers and four baggage cars. Reports indicated only the three passenger cars remained on the rails.

Cause of the accident was not immediately known. The derailment happened in a "slow zone." There is single track.

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APORE (Reuters)—Brit- Force helicopters at dawn began to airlift Borneo to the dense jungle east in northern Malaya, ritish paratroopers drop- rsday in the biggest joint r operation of Malaya's mmunist emergency.

stocky little Iban track- cially brought from Bor- ead British patrols, were ately ordered into action. he helicopters hovered e jungle, other planes and strafed suspected nist hideouts.

Canada-Wide Strike Vote Underway by Railwaymen

MONTREAL (CP)—Voting is in full swing across Canada as railwaymen decide whether to authorize strike action to back up contract demands.

Ballots, attached to a statement outlining the stand of unions representing 135,000 non-operating employees, now have been distributed and will be returned by mail by August 2.

A study of the statement shows that leaders of the 14 unions involved—which represent employees who do not actually run the trains—have urged their members to strike to "eliminate sub-standard conditions."

(In Prince Rupert approximately 100 Canadian National Railways employees will be voting including sectionmen, freight handlers, telegraphers, shop men, porters, office clerks and personnel at the repeater station.)

A vote in favor of strike would not mean a sudden walkout, but would merely give the union chiefs a mandate to set a date and make preparations. Further negotiations would not be ruled out.

The balloting is being conducted entirely by the union.

The non-operating employees tied up the railways for nine days in 1950 to back up contract demands. At that time, the union announced Aug. 2 the strike would begin Aug. 22. Negotiations were resumed at the request of the government but resulted in deadlock and the strike went on as scheduled.

In the current dispute, the unions opened negotiations for contract changes, not including wage increases, last November but prolonged talks with Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways ended in failure.

The railways state they cannot afford the $60,000,000 which they estimate the "fringe" demands would cost.

The unions' demands include: eight statutory holidays; revision of vacation rules to allow a three-week vacation for 15-year men; 18 days sick leave a year; and time-and-a-half for Sunday when it is a "rest day," double time if not.

DUNCAN, B.C. (CP)—Marauding dogs have caused $2,700 damage on a nearby mink ranch so far this year. The dogs have killed six male mink kittens, two calves and a number of sheep.

ing Rivers Pose Threat d Time in Two Months

COUVER (CP) — Men and ent are ready for work moment's notice should Columbia rivers burst ed dikes.

the second time in two s, the weather is calling y.

ty works minister Evan said after inspecting the ned area that rain or emperatures the next few ould bring "serious " Sunday or Monday. He en and equipment would t immediately to any point a dike break threatened, and navy units were or- to stand by earlier this n case of a flood emer-

vincial diking commission- k L. Macdonald said that all levees still are holding although some seepage had been reported. He added there was no cause for alarm.

RIVER NEAR DOOR

About 60 miles east of here, the Vedder river, a tributary of the Fraser, has undermined the garage and Thursday night was only 10 feet from the back door of the Joseph Connor residence near Chilliwack.

The Fraser, Columbia and Kootenay rivers, the big three of the province's waterways, are still climbing slowly.

Rich farmland along the Fraser valley appears in greatest danger. The river is running more than six feet higher than normal for this time of year.

The Columbia and Kootenay have caused minor flooding.

DARRYL GRAY, 15, of Calgary, with his three dogs, proudly holds the 20-pound lynx which he stalked and killed on the northern city limits. While the dogs encircled and harassed the wildcat, Darryl killed it with the only weapon available, rocks and the four-foot club he holds in his left hand. The scrap became really fierce when the cat took to a tree and was knocked down by Darryl. (CP Photo)

Last Six Salvageable Haida Totem Poles Removed From Queen Charlotte Islands For B.C. Museum

Wilson Duff, anthropologist of the office of the British Columbia Provincial Museum, has just returned to Victoria after a recent trip to Tanoo and Skedans on the Queen Charlotte islands where he managed to save the last six salvageable totem poles of those villages. Since many of the totem poles in Prince Rupert come from the same villages and are of great interest here Mr. Duff has been kind enough to forward his report of the expedition to The Daily News.

By WILSON DUFF
Provincial Museum Anthropologist

The last remaining totem poles of the deserted Haida villages of Skedans and Tanoo are now on their way to permanent indoor storage in Victoria and Vancouver.

Six of these large wooden sculptures, similar to those in Prince Rupert parks from the same villages, were saved. Deeply decayed, the poles were lowered, cut into sections, and crated before being moved. They will not be set up outdoors again, but will be used by the Provincial Museum and the University for indoor displays and for copying purposes.

The expedition, which completed its work on July 3, was headed by myself and was financed by Powell River Co. Ltd., who have extensive operations on the Charlottes.

The Skidegate vessel, "Soiner II," and its crew of Roy Jones, James Jones, Clarence Jones, James Wilson and Allan Young, were engaged to bring the poles out. Bill Reid, CBC announcer, also gave his services.

The totem poles were carved and erected about a century ago when the Haidas were a large and prosperous race. They are considered to be among the finest examples of Indian art in existence. With the rapid decline of Haida population, however, Skedans, Tanoo and other villages were abandoned about 70 years ago, the remaining inhabitants moving to Skidegate.

The present owners of the poles now live in Skidegate and they gave their hearty co-operation to the plan of preserving their poles by releasing them for only a small token payment.

The Skidegate Inlet General Hospital fund has also derived benefit from the project. The Indian owners of one of the poles donated the payment for it to the fund.

This project is part of a general program aimed at the permanent preservation of a good sample of British Columbia's outstanding totem poles. Nearly all of the Haida poles in their original villages have rotted away beyond hope of salvage. In a number of others, now in outdoor parks in Prince Rupert, and elsewhere, the decay has been slowed down by careful preservation methods. Provincial authorities, however, are now producing permanent displays by storing the finest originals indoors and having exact copies carved for outdoor displays.

No adequate method has been developed to preserve a totem pole outdoors permanently.