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B.C. CENTENNIAL		
ARCHIVES OF B.C.		
PARLIAMENT BLDGS. High	2:30 / 14:12	21.0 feet / 29.4 feet
VICTORIA, B.C. Low	8:12 / 20:48	8.0 feet / 0.9 feet

Egyptian Police In Port Said To Keep Order As Troops Quit

Violence Continues In Ireland

Policeman Shot, Bomb Thrown

BELFAST (AP)— Unscheduled drama was added Monday night to a television address Northern Ireland's prime minister made against attacks by the Irish Republican Army.

As Lord Brookeborough stepped before the cameras in London he was handed an urgent telegram. He read the message and then told his TV audience: "An attack on a patrol car is going on at the very moment I speak to you."

The engagement between police and republican extremists was fought near Lisnaskea, only a few miles from the prime minister's home. A short time later a bomb exploded beside a police station at Newton Butler, also near the Brookeborough home. It caused little damage.

RAIDERS CAPTURED

The attacks were the latest in a fresh series of raids blamed on the outlawed IRA. In the ambush on the patrol car, one policeman suffered two bullet wounds in the leg. Two of about a dozen face-blackened raiders were captured.

Authorities said the attackers came from the Irish Republic over a little-used highway and waited in ditches beside a border road until the police car containing five officers came along.

The IRA seeks to make six counties of Northern Ireland—now under British rule—part of the Irish republic.

In his address, Brookeborough condemned the new wave of attacks and declared: "We are Queen's men and nothing whatsoever is going to shift us from that position."

Dead Engineer From Toronto

City RCMP detachment today released the name of the elderly mining engineer found dead in a city hotel early yesterday morning.

He is Frank Lewis Smith, 68, of Toronto.

Mr. Smith who had been employed with Maple Bay Company Mines Ltd., at Stewart was stopping over in Prince Rupert on his way to Vancouver for the Christmas holidays.

A coroner's inquiry yesterday ruled he had died of natural causes.

Remains were forwarded last night by Ferguson Funeral Home to Toronto for funeral and burial.

Weather

Gale warning issued. Increasing clouds today with rain beginning this afternoon. Cloudy with showers Wednesday. Remaining mild. Southeast gales 50 this afternoon and shifting to westerly winds 30 Wednesday morning. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy 42 and 48, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 40 and 46.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN DIEFENBAKER acknowledge the cheers of the crowded convention hall in Ottawa after Mr. Diefenbaker was elected national leader of the Progressive Conservative party. The convention chose the 61-year-old lawyer and Commons member for Prince Albert on the first ballot. He succeeds Hon. George Drew who retired because of ill-health. (CP Photo).

B.C. NEWS ROUNDUP

Store Manager Cut Down By Gunman Much Taller

VANCOUVER (CP)— Supermarket manager Walter Blackmore was cut down by a .38-calibre bullet outside his home in suburban Burnaby Saturday night, possibly as he tried to attack a gunman standing a head taller. He died minutes later.

Police said Monday the bullet entered Blackmore's chest at a downward angle, indicating that the man who fired it probably was much taller than the 45-year-old victim's five feet, seven inches.

Friends, said Blackmore, a former mayor of Simpson, Sask., had a great amount of courage. "It would take more than a gun to stop him if he was mad," said one.

The bullet which killed Blackmore was of the same calibre as one fired by a trigger-happy gunman at clerk Angus McLean in a motel here Saturday night. It missed by inches.

VICTORIA (CP) — Attorney-General Robert Bonner said Monday night the four per cent freight rate increase granted Canadian railways is "something to be regretted." Mr. Bonner said he had not yet studied a breakdown of the increases, but found they "find their way very quickly into our cost of living."

KAMLOOPS (CP) — John Alexander McMahon, who would have celebrated his 100th birthday in February, died in the provincial home for aged men Saturday. He is believed to have been the oldest man in the Kamloops area.

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — Television came to Penticton for the first time Monday. Mayor Oscar Watson plugged in the connection between a mountain-top receiver and a downtown cable system.

VANCOUVER (CP) — City merchants are being clipped for thousands of dollars by phony cheque artists taking advantage of the Christmas shopping rush, police said Monday.

A city market, one of many firms swindled, accepted three phony cheques for a total of $1,000 in one day last week. All three were drawn on a laundry firm and were part of the loot taken in a raid earlier this month.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) —Three men, one of whom jumped bail Saturday, were convicted of rape Monday and each was sentenced to four years imprisonment and 10 lashes.

Sentenced by Mr. Justice John C. Ruttan were Puga Singh, 32, and Kie and Jumbo Singh, both 24. They were charged with raping a 22-year-old Vancouver woman.

Hungarian Neutrality Solution

Move Urged By Pineau

PARIS (Reuters)—Foreign Minister Christian Pineau of France urged today that the Hungarian problem should be solved by making Hungary neutral.

He was addressing the National Assembly at the start of a four-day debate on foreign policy which is due to end Friday with a vote of confidence in Premier Mollet's 10½-month-old government.

Pineau said the French government recommends for Hungary "a solution of neutrality similar to that which was found for Austria and which would meet the dual desire to restore liberty to Hungary and provide guarantees for Soviet Russia concerning the international consequences which this freeing would bring about."

Communist deputies turned out in full force but sat sullenly in their seats as the debate began.

Centre and right-wing deputies applauded lustily as speakers attacked the Soviet intervention in Hungary. The Communist deputies sat silently, many burying themselves in copies of their party newspaper, L'Humanite.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — A veteran airline pilot and three air force men were killed Sunday in the crash of an Alaska Airlines' plane near the farthest west point of the Alaska mainland.

Kitimat Construction Boom May Hit New High by Dec. 31

Special to The Daily News

KITIMAT — The construction boom here will reach a new height by the end of the year when the majority of the larger commercial and public buildings reach the final construction stages.

The following projects are near completion:

The temporary Kitimat hospital is reported to be 95 per cent complete by Burton Construction Company. Cost of the project is $140,000.

Construction of the 11-class elementary school in Neighborhood C has reached the interior finishing stage and it is anticipated the new unit will be ready for classes by Easter of next year. Work on the $441,872 structure is being done by Commonwealth Construction Co. Ltd.

Extension to the jail of the Public Safety building is roofed in, with cell fronts and miscellaneous iron work now being installed.

The $119,450 annex to the Public Safety building has had framing, sheathing and roofing completed. Late delivery of millwork items has delayed further progress.

Work on the junior-senior high school is progressing favorably with the gymnasium-auditorium now having been roofed in.

Block of stores in the City Centre is in the final stages of construction with opening slated for early January.

Cornerstone of the new United Church was laid December 1.

The Craftsman Floor Building has been completed and occupied and the structure of Enterprize Motors will be open for business before the end of the month.

GYERGY DOBE, 5, wipes a window clear of frost aboard the liner Arosa Star in Quebec as he and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laszlo Dobe, get a look at their new country. The family was among 453 Hungarian refugees who arrived in Quebec aboard the Arosa Star. (CP Photo).

Kitimat Lives Up to Name With 20-Inch Snowfall

KITIMAT, B.C. (CP)—This northwestern B.C. town is living up to its name. In Indian, it means "the land of the big snow."

Aluminum smelter workers wallowed to work through deep drifts following a fall of 20 inches overnight to make a total of three feet during the weekend. Total snowfall for the winter so far is 7½ feet, exactly half the amount which fell all last season.

Snowplows were kept busy in the Smithers area about 100 miles west of Prince George and throughout the northern part of the province.

The Smithers weather station announced the total December snowfall so far of 41 inches sets a record in recent years.

Accused Warned, Gets $50 Fine

In fining a 50-year-old city man $50 and costs or in default, sentencing him to one month in jail, Magistrate W. D. Vance told Rufus Watts this morning in city police court "You will be up on a murder charge if you're not careful."

Watts was charged with intoxication arising out of a brawl in a First Avenue West home during which the Crown alleged Watts struck a woman over the head with a bottle.

Police said a further charge of assault may be laid against Watts.

Canadians Leaving "Soon As Possible"

PORT SAID (AP)—A 350-man Egyptian police detachment entered Port Said today to help United Nations troops keep order during the departure of the last British and French forces.

The official announcement said the Egyptians would be the vanguard of more than 1,000 police coming to place the Suez Canal's northern gateway once more under the rule of President Nasser's Cairo government. The UN emergency force intends to pull out as soon as possible after the British and French troops leaving Port Said's administration strictly to the Egyptians.

UNDERGROUND ACTIVE

Indications pointed today to the complete withdrawal of British and French troops by Wednesday or Thursday. While the rapidly dwindling garrison remained barricaded behind barbed wire at the docks, the Egyptian underground kept up its harassment, killing a French Foreign Legionnaire as he boarded ship.

A wrangle over who will do the job threatened meanwhile to delay clearing the debris-blocked canal. The British-French salvage fleet massed at Port Said apparently will sail with the last of the British-French troops unless their crews are guaranteed protection by UN forces.

The two countries have rejected a UN proposal to leave the salvage ships here to be operated by neutral crews. Egypt says the British and French experts can't stay because she can't guarantee their safety.

TO LEAVE QUICKLY

But Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Canadian UN commander, said his men would get out of Port Said as soon as possible after the British - French withdrawal.

"The sooner the better," he said, "and anyway before Christmas."

Israeli troops in the Sinai Peninsula promised to begin the second stage of their withdrawal today, Burns disclosed. The Israelis have already given up the 31-mile strip just east of the canal to Yugoslav UN troops. The second stage will open another 15-mile-wide strip to the Yugoslavs. That will leave the Israelis still in control of much of the peninsula.

Egyptian guerrillas—quiet for a day after a weekend of bloodshed—resumed their harassment of the departing British-French forces Monday at the dockside.

ARREST EGYPTIANS

A Foreign Legionnaire, the first of the French forces to be killed by guerrillas, was struck by rifle fire. Other Legionnaires rushed ashore, flushed out a sniper hideaway and arrested three guerrillas.

Women Fined After Fight

Two women charged separately with creating a disturbance by fighting in a public place were fined $25 each or in default sentenced to 14 days in jail when they pleaded guilty before Magistrate W. D. Vance in city police court this morning.

Pauline Ridley, 25, and Mabel Tom, 20, were found fighting outside the Royal Hotel on Third Avenue West, last night, RCMP told the court.

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ONLY CLOSING FOR THREE DAYS

Prince Rupert National Employment Service will be closed three weekdays only over the Christmas and New Year holidays, manager Hugh Waller announced today.

Mr. Waller said the office would close December 25, 26 and January 1.

Arrangements have been made for claimants who normally call for payment on those dates (Tuesday and Wednesday), to be paid the Monday preceding, he said.

Slide Closes Highway 16

Village of Terrace was still cut off from all road communications today as snow ploughs and blower truck worked feverishly to clear the snowed-under highway both east and west of the township.

Provincial Highways Department here today reported Highway 16 impassable due to a rock slide at Kwinitsa, 40 miles east of Prince Rupert.

Motorists have been warned to stay off the highway altogether due to slippery conditions in some places.

RCMP at Terrace reported normal, every day routine had resumed today in the village after almost being brought to a complete standstill by yesterday's two-foot snow fall.

Children were back at school and majority of streets had been cleared to allow automobiles to operate.

Highway 16 east of Terrace is blocked by heavy snow up to Cedarville.

Bingo Number

Today's number in the Elks Lodge "March of Dimes" House Bingo is N-32.

Other numbers drawn so far are:

I-23, B-4, O-64, B-14, O-65, N-31, B-5, I-18, G-57, G-48, I-30, B-3, O-73, N-41, G-59, I-16, O-71, O-67, B-13, B-7, N-40, G-50, B-2, N-45, B-1, N-44 and O-61.

Trees Costly In Edmonton

EDMONTON (CP) — Christmas trees don't come cheap from the city of Edmonton if you're caught taking them. Parks superintendent A. C. Patterson said Monday 12 patrols are guarding river banks, ravines and parks against tree-snatchers, who if caught can be fined up to $100 plus the cost of the tree at $1 a foot.

Santa Outlines Plans For Visit to City in Interview With News Reporter

The Daily News flew staff writer Harvie Gay to the North Pole last weekend for a personal interview with Santa Claus. The following story of Santa's plans for Christmas and what is going on at Santa's home, is printed for parents to read to their children.

By HARVIE GAY
Daily News Staff Writer

THE NORTH POLE - In this very cold place, far north of everywhere else in the world, lives a merry old gentleman who is known to everyone and loved the world over.

He lives here at the North Pole all year round except for the days when he leaves his warm, little house and with his sleigh pulled by nine reindeer, visits Prince Rupert and other parts of the world.

His name? You've guessed it. It's Santa Claus.

He lives up here with Mrs. Claus and his busy crew of elves and pixies, in a cosy house that is part home and part workshop.

WRAPPING PRESENTS

We found Santa and his little helpers surrounded by lots of colored paper, busy wrapping the presents they had made during the year. As we approached he was standing at a bench, packing up toys and loading them into his big packs.

"Hello, Santa, How are you?"

"I'm fine thanks. I'm just getting all my presents ready to leave for my visit to all the children of Prince Rupert — providing they've been good, that is."

"Gosh! That's an awfully large bag of toys you have there. It looks bigger than last year."

"Yes, indeed. That's because there are a lot more children in Prince Rupert now. I've got to go to them all, you know," Santa said with a merry twinkle in his eyes.

"But Santa. Do you think your reindeer can pull such a large bag as this?"

Santa chuckled.

RARING TO GO

"Oh yes! Dasher and Dancer, and Prancer and Vixen, and Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen and of course Rudolph, have had a long rest this year and they're raring to go through the skies to your lovely city."

I looked around me. Next to the workshop was a sparkling kitchen, where Mrs. Santa was working. A little coffee pot gurgled merrily on the stove. In one corner stood Santa's big boots, polished and shiny.

The rooms are decorated with twinkling lights just like stars on a clear night.

Gaily colored lanterns shine from the ceiling. Everything seems to make you feel welcome and at home.

In the middle of the room stood a large table on which Santa wraps up all the presents. And what a pile of presents they were.

BIG VARIETY

Bright red bicycles for some lucky boy and girl, all kinds of dolls that walk, sleep and cry, all sorts of soldiers, guns, cowboy outfits, jet-guns, space helmets, cars, wagons . . . . whew, the list is too long.

As you can gather, Santa is one of the busiest men in the world. As he carefully wraps up each present, he pauses, strokes his long fluffy white beard and marks it down beside the name of a Prince Rupert child.

He knows just what each little boy and girl want.

And if he is not quite sure, Prince Rupert boys and girls will have a chance to tell him when he comes to visit the city just before Christmas. Of course, he can't get us the things we want all the time because he may have run out, but he tries his best.

Just to make sure that Santa was coming to Prince Rupert this year before Christmas so boys and girls can get on his lap and whisper in his ear what they want, we said:

"Sorry to bother you, Santa, but the children in Prince Rupert want to know whether you are coming to the city this year so they can tell you what they want for Christmas?"

"To be sure, lad," Santa said, dropping another present in his big sack.

"I'll be there—let's see now, where's the calendar — By golly I'm coming to Prince Rupert this Saturday.

"This Saturday? Gosh! I'll have to tell all the children. Where are you going to be?"

"In the Civic Centre, lad. And I'll be there from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m."

"Wow! That will give all the children a chance to tell you what they want, won't it?"

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME

Santa chuckled. "Yes, they'll all be able to see me. Except from 12:10 a.m. until 1 p.m. because then I'm going up to the General Hospital to visit all the little boys and girls there."

"Are you going to let your reindeer take you up there?"

Again Santa laughed. "No son, they'll be resting for my trip back here to get ready for Christmas Eve."

"How are you going to get up there, then Santa?"

"Well, the city firemen are going to bring a big red fire engine down to pick me up at the Civic Centre."

"Geo, that'll be fun. But Santa what about the children who are sick at home and can't get down to see you. Won't they be able to see you when you're here Saturday?"

"I've been thinking about that," Santa said. "And they ought to see me. They can't help it if they're ill. So I'll tell you what I'll do. **You tell them to get their mummies or daddies to phone 4226 on Saturday, before 3 p.m. and leave their name** and address, and I'll come around and see them in their homes."

"Geo, you're swell Santa. There isn't another man like you on the whole earth. That means every girl and boy in the city will be able to see you, one way or the other."

"I'm just doing my job lad. It gives me great pleasure to see happiness in the world, especially around Christmas time." Santa smiled and stroked his beard.

"You know," he continued, "I even remember some of the little girls and boys who I saw last year. Let's see now. Yes, there were Colin, Mickey, Ricky and Craig, Randy, Patty, Steve and Robby, and Barbara, and Murray and Marlyn, and April and Carrol, Johnnie and Elizabeth, Ruthie, Billy and Anita, Ellen and Dunnie, Robert, Bruce and Donnie, Michael and Sheila, Brian and Trudy."

TAKES TIME OUT

"There's just one thing that puzzles me Santa. What do you do with your reindeer while you're talking to all the boys and girls?"

"I thought you'd ask that," Santa chuckled. "Well that's a

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