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TOMORROW'S TIDES

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High	2.57	21.9 feet
	15:54	19.1 feet
Low	9:37	2.3 feet
	21:37	6.7 feet

THAT'S A LAUGH—Laughing like a hyena, or like a very amused cat, is this feline friend of a Boston photographer. The cameraman must have said something mighty funny to bring on a howl like that.

$60,000,000 In Pay Increases Recommended For Rail Workers

11 Per Cent Boost In 14-Month Period

OTTAWA (CP)—Contract concessions amounting to around $60,000,000 a year for non-operating railway employees were recommended in the report of a federal conciliation board made public today.

The majority report of the three-man board proposed three successive wage increases aggregating 11 per cent and spread over the next 14 months, partly retroactive to last Jan. 1.

It also recommended a contributory health and welfare plan, with the company's share about $8,000,000 a year, and two additional paid holidays annually.

Unions representing the 150,000 non-operating employees are asking for an 18 per cent general increase immediately, a non-contributory health-welfare plan that would cost the companies around $23,000,000 a year and three additional paid holidays.

Board chairman Eric Taylor of Toronto and union nominee David Lewis of Toronto joined in the majority finding, which is accepted by the government as the official report, though it is not binding on the disputants.

DEMANDS "FANTASTIC"

Company representative Paul S. Smith, in a minority report, recommended no concessions whatever and called the union demands "fantastic" and "utterly unrealistic."

The railways have estimated the union's demands would cost about $111,000,000 a year for the non-operating employees and $160,000,000 if they followed the usual practice of extending any such concessions to those outside this bargaining group.

On the board's recommendations the unions would appear to get somewhat better than half their original demands, but spread over more than a year.

Here is what the majority report proposed:

● An agreement for two years dated from last Jan. 1. The unions want a one-year agreement.

● A six per cent general wage increase effective April 1, with half of it retroactive to last Jan. 1.

● A further increase of two per cent effective next Nov. 1.

● A third increase of three per cent effective June 1, 1957. Each of these percentages would be calculated on rates now in effect.

● Effective next Jan. 1, the companies to contribute 2½ cents an hour and employees the same amount into a health and welfare plan, with details to be negotiated.

● For 1953, employees now getting paid for five statutory holidays would receive a sixth—Thanksgiving Day.

● Victoria Day would be added at the start of 1957. Paid holidays now are New Year's Day, Good Friday, Dominion Day, Labor Day and Christmas.

More than 100 non-operating employees of the railways will receive the increase in Prince Rupert.

MP Urges Panhandle Corridors

Seeks Outlets Through Alaska

OTTAWA (CP)— The Yukon's only Commons representative wants four Canadian corridors through the Alaska Panhandle to give free outlets to the sea for the Yukon and northern British Columbia.

Liberal J. A. Simmons said in the Commons Thursday that development of the Canadian areas and of the Panhandle itself is hindered by the long coastal strip of Alaskan territory extending south to within 100 miles of Prince Rupert.

He urged an immediate approach to U.S. authorities by External Affairs Minister Pearson to enlist their support for the idea.

Mr. Simmons corridor proposal is for free trans-shipment of goods between the Alaskan coastal terminals and the Canadian interior in the Yukon and northern B.C.

"MUTUAL ADVANTAGE"

One of his four proposed corridors would be the rail route between Skagway, Alaska, and Whitehorse, Y.T. The others would be along the Taku, Stikine and Chilkat rivers. Two of the Alaskan ports used would be Wrangell and Haines.

"This is a matter of two friendly countries seeking a commonsense solution and a method of co-operating for their mutual advantage and benefit," he said.

THE EIFFEL TOWER looks as if it's being hauled around Paris by this big truck. Nobody's moving the famed landmark, however. The truck just happened to pass between the tower and the camera, making it appear the huge structure was being carted off.

Union, M & B Work Out Plan For Stability

PORT ALBERNI, B.C. (C) — A plan to stabilize the economy of this pulp and paper area against changes brought about by growth of the industry has been worked out between union and employer.

The plan was proposed by MacMillan and Bloedel, Ltd., and approved by the local of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO-CCL).

The company has agreed not to go outside the district for pulp and paper mill employees if there are persons who can be transferred from the lumber industry.

A planned reduction in sawmill production will be delayed if necessary until workers can be absorbed into the pulp mills.

A committee will be responsible for selecting workers from the lumber mills for suitable jobs at a comparable wage level.

The plan will continue until a survey of all company holdings on the west coast of Vancouver Island is complete. The survey will take another year.

The timber cruise will establish how much timber is suitable for use in plywood, pulpwood or lumber production.

Jack Moore, secretary of the IWA local, said arrangements for lumber workers to transfer to the pulp and sulphite workers union without initiation fees have been made.

Federal Lack of Action May End Tugboat Rescues

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia's marine rescue service, an informal but effective volunteer coast guard involving thousands of coastal vessels, may be disbanded.

Threat of collapse of the rescue unit has been sent to deputy transport minister John Baldwin by Capt. James Stewart, chairman of the search and rescue committee of the B.C. Towboat owners Association.

Lack of co-operation from Ottawa was cited by Capt. Stewart as the main reason for possible disbanding of the service, which has saved countless lives in marine disasters.

In giving notice the existence of the organization was in danger, Capt. Stewart described what he called "the final straw" in two years of frustration.

The department of transport in Vancouver, he said, has specifically ordered the radio station on Second Narrows bridge, nerve-centre of the organization, to get out of the rescue business.

"Because of that order," he said, "the fishboat Zorina sank Monday night off Texada Island when she might well have been saved.

Three crew members were saved.

"There might well be other incidents of that kind involving loss of life," he said.

The Towboat Owners' association has given free services of all its vessels for the last two years and has permitted Capt. Cyril Andrews, personnel officer, to supervise all rescue work as part of the RCAF search and rescue organization.

Some 85 distress calls were answered last year. Only 15 per cent of those were from tugs.

Capt. Stewart said:

"We have done more than our share, the rest is up to Ottawa. We are fed up with their lack of action."

Doctors Fight Black Magic In Australia

DARWIN, Australia (Reuters)—Doctors in a Darwin hospital are fighting to safe the life of a 19-year-old aborigine, who is said to be under a black magic spell of tribal women "singing him to death" at the instigation of his mother-in-law.

He is in a critical condition in an iron lung, but the doctors can find nothing organically wrong with him.

The aborigine, known only as "Charlie," comes from the primitive Arnhem land in northeast Australia. He is unable to drink and can breathe only in an iron lung.

Reports reaching here from his tribal area said his mother-in-law was responsible for the death song. His wife is her favorite daughter — and the daughter's previous husband died of an unknown sickness, it was said.

STOLE HIS WEAPONS

According to the reports, the mother-in-law got the women of the tribe to start the death song against Charlie several weeks ago.

They stole his woomera (throwing stick) and spear, placed them in a hollow ceremonial log as part of the spell. Later he found his nulla nulla (club) near the top of a tall tree, a tribal indication that he was being "sung to death."

Most natives being "sung to death" usually have no will to live.

Weakness for Italian Girl Lands Ex-Officer in Court

MONTREAL (CP) — A former Canadian immigrant officer has blamed a weakness for an Italian woman for plunging him into a visa racket that cost him his job and landed him in court.

George G. Wilson, 39, arrested in Toronto several months ago, is one of five men charged in connection with the illegal entry of Italian immigrants to Canada between 1950 and 1952.

He testified Thursday at the preliminary hearing of two of the accused Montreal lawyer Mario Lattom, 53, and Victor Corbo, [illegible] of nearly 50 Eustache Wilson, Guido d'Errico, 51, Montreal travel agency operator, and Adio Cecchi, former employee of the Italian consulate in Montreal, had their hearing postponed to a later date.

Wilson, taking the witness box under protection of the court said his downfall began in Rome in the spring of 1951 when a girl named Carmela LoCascio offered him love in exchange for a visa.

"In return for her favors I issued a visa for her brother," Wilson said.

He said he succumbed to Carmela's charm a second time. On neither occasion did he, as agent of Canada's citizenship and immigration department, question nor interview the applicant.

Another time, Wilson said, a man came to him and demanded he issue another visa.

"He said he knew about the previous two cases and that if I didn't issue the visa he'd talk."

ADMITS OTHER OFFENCES

Wilson said he later was transferred from Rome to Naples and that he eventually issued between 70 and 75 irregular visas.

G. R. King Dies After Collapse

George Reginald King, about 54, longtime member of the Canadian Legion Branch 27 and a resident here for many years, collapsed and died on the way to hospital this morning.

Charles Barrie, proprietor of Bob's Place, Third Avenue West said that Mr. King was in the store having coffee when he collapsed about 10:30 this morning. Prince Rupert ambulance, summoned by John J. Comadina, rushed Mr. King to Prince Rupert General hospital but he was dead on arrival.

Born in Birmingham, England, Mr. King joined the 102nd Coast Regiment, RCA, in 1940 and was discharged as a sergeant in 1944. A man with a ready wit and talent at making others laugh he was a well-known entertainer at Legion smokers.

Funeral arrangements in the hands of Ferguson Funeral Home have not been completed.

MacDonald Gets Four Years In Penitentiary

VANCOUVER (C)—John Keith MacDonald, 44, was sentenced to four years in penitentiary on a charge of theft of $44,500 from the post office at Britannia Beach, B.C.

MacDonald, alias John Cleland Wallace Black, pleaded guilty before Mr. Justice Norman Whittaker March 12 to the charge of stealing the Britannia mining company payroll Dec. 16, 1954, from the post office where he had been employed.

Immediately sentence was passed Thursday, a charge of bigamy was laid against MacDonald by RCMP detective sergeant John Knox.

MacDonald left a wife and child at Britannia Beach when he disappeared from the small Howe Sound settlement, 40 miles northwest of here. He was living with another wife when arrested in Ontario early in February.

West Germans to Make Direct Appeal to Russia

BONN (AP)— Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano announced today that West Germany will make a direct approach to Russia in an effort to break the East-West deadlock on German unity.

Von Brentano told a press conference that the Adenauer government will "very soon take the initiative over German reunion through its ambassador in Moscow."

The ambassador, Wilhelm Haas, now is in Bonn receiving instructions from the foreign office.

Von Brentano made this announcement after warning the big powers against making disarmament agreement at the expense of Germany.

Addressing the big powers, Von Brentano said:

"We do not say we forbid you to make a disarmament agreement that ignores the German question. We warn you not to do so."

NEW GERMAN APPROACH

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is going to the United States in June to urge President Eisenhower to revive the drive for German unity before any international agreements on disarmament are made.

Before then, he will meet with French Premier Guy Mollet, and Von Brentano will confer with Britain's Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and Foreign Minister Christian Pineau of France.

Until now, West Germany has depended on the three big Western powers to fight its battle for unity.

Not for Court To Take Action Against MLAs

VANCOUVER (C)—Mr. Justice H. W. McInnes ruled Thursday it is not for the court to take action against Social Credit members who were alleged to have "pre-judged" the Sommer-Sturdy slander case.

He was replying to a complaint by George Gregory, Liberal MLA for Victoria and counsel for Vancouver lawyer David Sturdy. Mr. Gregory brought the matter before Mr. Justice McInnes in Supreme court chambers last Friday, producing published reports of remarks about the case by Social Credit members.

"As the matter may come before the court later," said Mr. Justice McInnes, "I make it clear that I am making no specific finding as to whether the reports might be deemed to be fair comment.

"As far as the individuals who allegedly made these public statements are concerned, in my view this is not a matter in which the court of its own motion should take any action or cause any proceedings to be initiated."

Kate Aitken Arrives; Speaks Tonight

Kate Aitken, noted radio commentator above, arrived early this afternoon by plane from Vancouver to begin a busy 24-hours in this city.

Hostess at a tea and reception for the presidents of city women's organizations and civic leaders at the Club 27 between 3:30 and 4:30 this afternoon, Mrs. Aitken was met at the plane by Mrs. William White, president of the Prince Rupert Women's Co-Ordinating Council. Also meeting the plane was Mrs. Richard Ayres, president of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Women's auxiliary, which is sponsoring a public meeting tonight at the Canadian Legion auditorium at which Mrs. Aitken will speak. At the plane to arrange for her broadcast from here was W. C. Hankinson, CBC manager of radio station CFPR and J. M. Robertson, producer. Before the reception Mrs. Aitken was guest at a luncheon held by Mrs. H. Weldon Steel, who also was at the Seal Cove air base to meet the well-known radio personality and world traveller.

Mrs. E. Murray Funeral Held

Funeral service for Mrs. Elizabeth Murray, former resident of this city for 40 years who died April 7 in Vancouver at the age of 77, were held yesterday afternoon from Ferguson Funeral Home. Rev. R. J. Wray conducted the service at which the hymns "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me" were sung.

At Fairview cemetery graveside rites were conducted by Mrs. Archibald McNeil, worthy mistress of the Ladies Orange Benevolent Association of which Mrs. Murray was a past worthy mistress. Assisting Mrs. McNeil was LOBA chaplain Mrs. Helgi Erickson.

Pallbearers were Arthur Bell, Angus Macdonald, John Laurie, Gus Krause, William Hadler and W. D. Lawrence.

Mrs. Murray is survived by two sons, William and John, one daughter, Mary, and four grandchildren in Vancouver; two grandchildren, David Murray, and Mrs. Rene (Donna) Yzerman in Prince Rupert. William Murray, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, is a nephew.

TB Patients Start Treatment

THE PAS, Man. (C) — The 10 children discovered to have tuberculosis at Cranberry Portage, a small settlement 60 miles north of here, have already started their treatment at Clearwater Lake Sanatorium, Dr. S. L. Carey, sanatorium head, said Thursday.

Dr Carey stressed in a statement that "the disease was discovered in its earliest possible phase" and was therefore most amenable to treatment.

Asks Cease-Fire

PARIS (Reuters) — Premier Guy Mollet today made a new appeal for a cease-fire in Algeria, and said his government authorized "local contacts", to end the fighting there with nationalist rebels.

"We want a cease-fire as resolutely as anyone," he told a press luncheon here.

News Mix-Up Contest Prizes Given Tonight

Tonight is the big night in the Daily News Fix-the-Mix-Up Contest when the grand prize for the best entry of the five series of competitions will be presented at the Civic Centre. The prize, a combination radio-record player will be presented during the intermission at the Civic Centre Jackpot bingo. Also to be presented are the first, second and third prizes of each of the five weekly series. The prize winning entries in the contest will also be on display at the Civic Centre.

Church Paper Critical of Duchess For Memoirs of Abdication Crisis

LONDON (AP)—The Church of England Newspaper says publication of the Duchess of Windsor's memoirs in Britain will "stir afresh the fire of bitterness and discord" aroused by her husband's abdication.

The paper is an unofficial weekly edited by laymen, but it often echoes the views of the church's leaders. It says the American-born divorcee for whom King Edward VIII quit his throne should have postponed publication until all the principals in the abdication crisis including herself — were dead.

The Sunday Express will begin carrying the memoirs in serial from April 22. They are already appearing in a United States magazine. The Sunday Express is owned by Lord Beaverbrook, a close friend and supporter of Edward VIII during the abdication crisis.

The church paper concedes that perhaps, "as the duchess claims, the true story of the abdication has not yet been told" and "there may be a natural desire on the part of the duchess to present her own side of the story and to defend her part in the abdication."

BETTER TO KEEP SILENT

But it adds that the duchess, "albeit unintentionally, has already caused great damage to the monarchy . . . need she add to the damage now?"

Obviously referring to Princess Margaret's broken romance with Peter Townsend, the paper says the royal family "has just undergone a period of stress and trial not dissimilar to that which centered around the duchess."

"Surely in these circumstances the duchess would have been better advised to remain silent."

The Daily Express, also owned by Beaverbrook, publishes the critical article with this footnote:

"The serialization of the Duchess of Windsor's own story begins in The Sunday Express April 22."

Rudolph Braun Funeral Held

Funeral services for Digby Island farmer and poet Rudolph Braun, 70, who died Sunday were held yesterday afternoon from Ferguson Funeral Home, Rev. R. J. Wray of the First Presbyterian church officiated.

Hymns sung during the service were "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Rock of Ages."

A resident of this district since 1937 Mr. Braun is survived by his widow Martha in Vancouver and four daughters, Mrs. O. R. Green in Prince Rupert and Antonia, Goodrun and Ursel in Vancouver.

Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

WEATHER

Cloudy with a few showers. A little cooler. Winds southerly 15 this afternoon, west 15 Saturday. The low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy 35 and 48, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 38 and 45.