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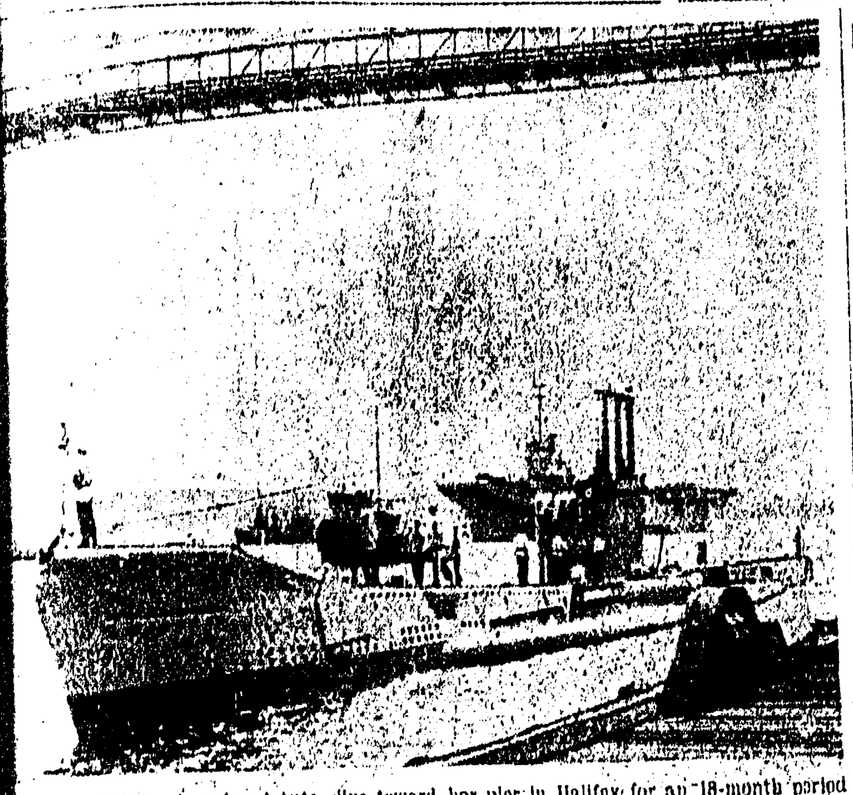
Two Dead, 15 Injured As Fire Races Through RCAF Barracks



ROYAL NAVY submarine Astute slips toward her pier in Halifax for an 18-month period of submarine training with the Canadian navy. The sub is the first of three slated for the training scheme. In the background is the Canadian aircraft carrier Magnificent, turning out to head to sea. (CP from National Defence)

British Election To Be Contested On Economy, East-West Mediation

By DAVE MASON

LONDON (CP) — Britain's general election next month may be fought around two main issues — the country's economic health and her role in easing East-West tensions.

The battleground has been being up for months in Parliament and press. It was thrown into sharp focus Friday night when Prime Minister Eden called elections for May 26.

Leaders of the opposition Labour party quickly declared that this 10-day-old government is afraid to delay the election because economic conditions show signs of worsening.

And there was renewed Labour criticism because the Conservative government has not waited until now to press for summit talks on world problems.

Eden went on the air Friday night to make his terse announcement of the election date which had been widely forecast. He told Britons "uncertainty at home and abroad about the political future is bad for our influence in world affairs, bad for our trade and unsettling in many ways."

He said Parliament would be dissolved May 6.

Hugh Gaitskell, former Labour Chancellor of the exchequer, declared the "real reason" for an early election was government concern over the economic situation.

"They fear a trade deficit which developed in the second half of 1954 is getting worse," he said . . . "they want to get the election over quickly before unemployment increases."

Paper Company Convicted On "Conspiracy" Charge

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mr. Justice A. M. Manson Friday convicted Crown Zellerbach Canada Ltd. and Bartram Paper Products Ltd. of conspiracy to unduly prevent and lessen competition in the manufacture and sale of coarse paper.

The crown has proved beyond reasonable doubt the charge against Crown Zellerbach, Mr. Justice Manson said in Supreme Court here.

Darrel Braidwood, counsel for the Bartram company, had contended there was reasonable doubt in favor of his client. The court said Bartram Paper Products collaborated with the Paper Distributors' Council which had as its object the control of competition.

Eight other companies had previously pleaded guilty to the charges.

They were Columbia Paper Co. Ltd., Norfolk Paper Co. Ltd., Smith, Davidson and Lecky Ltd., Vancouver Paper Co. Ltd., J. C. Wilson Ltd., Kelly-Douglas Ltd., W. H. Malkin Co. Ltd., and Westminster Paper Co. Ltd.

The trial has been adjourned to April 22 when Mr. Justice Manson will hear representations from counsel before passing sentence.

Girl Burned As Heater Fires Clothes

VICTORIA (CP) - A 13-year-old girl who became a human torch after her clothes were ignited by an electric heater was in "very critical" condition here today.

Gloria Stratford suffered burns to most of her body Friday night after she ran screaming into a neighbor's home, her clothing ablaze.

The girl was standing in front of the heater watching television when the accident occurred.

She ran to the home of an off-duty fireman and his wife, Albert and Jemina Adamson, who are credited with saving her life.

Good Response Fund Drive

Although collections from canvassers have not been completed committee members in charge of the local Canadian Cancer Society campaign are optimistic about the results of yesterday's one-night drive. Canvassers who covered most of the residential areas reported donations were generous that there were very few turn-downs.

Collections received so far in the $2,000 drive, which is Prince Rupert's share of the $250,000 B.C. quota, will be totalled on Monday. Meanwhile canvassers will be making call-backs at those homes where donations could not be made last night.

A big boost towards the objective was given by the Columbia Bakeries Company which contributed $250. Another large donation was received from those attending games night at the Civic Centre who turned over $50 to the drive. Earlier, canvassers covering the business district collected $150, with numerous calls still to be made.

Help with more than 100 canvassers taking part in Prince Rupert for the purpose of the drive is to help finance cancer research programs, provide fellowships and bursaries to train specialists in the disease, give assistance to needy patients, establish treatment and diagnostic facilities and promote the Society's education program.

Anyone not visited by a canvasser can leave their donation at the Bank of Montreal. R. J. Smith, manager at the bank, is campaign manager.

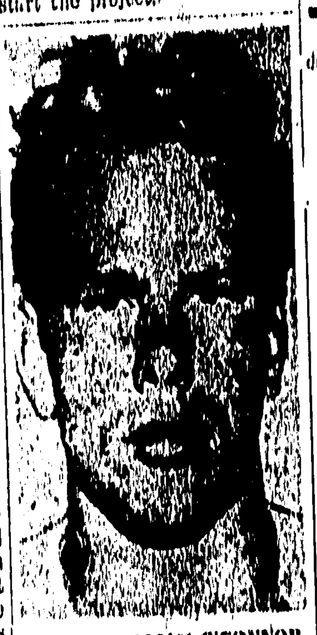
Civic Affairs Association Plans Town Meeting Series

A plan to initiate town meetings on subjects of major importance to the community was agreed upon last night at an executive meeting of the Civic Affairs Association.

Subjects to be discussed are town planning, city management and the proposal for a volunteer fire brigade. It was decided the meetings should get underway towards the end of next September, with discussion on a volunteer fire brigade first on the list. The other two meetings would follow in October.

Prominent organizations in town will be asked to sponsor the various talks which will be held as open forums or panel discussions. The meetings will be open to the public.

In other business, it was reported that a letter was received from a group in Kitimat which is considering the establishment of an organization similar to the CAA in that city. The CAA was asked for its advice on how to start the project.



DANIEL WILLIAM O'CONNOR is wanted by the RCMP and Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the pistol-whipping and beating of an RCMP officer. O'Connor, alias Mike Clancy and Bob Collins, is on the most-wanted fugitive list of both the RCMP and the FBI. The FBI wants him on charges of issuing bad cheques. (CP Photo)

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME TO BEGIN HERE APRIL 24

VICTORIA (CP) — Daylight saving time will go into effect April 24 in British Columbia and end September 25.

Provincial secretary's department said today the official time for setting clocks forward one hour is one minute past midnight on April 24.

Attlee Addresses CCF Meet

Group Ponders Purge of Reds

By STEPHEN SCOTT
Canadian Press Staff Writer

VANCOUVER (CP) — West coast Socialists today were to attempt to clean up dissension in their ranks after hearing from a man who had only recently gone through a similar experience in Great Britain.

After hearing former Labor prime minister Clement Attlee, the more than 200 delegates attending the annual convention of the British Columbia-Yukon section of the CCF were to go behind closed doors to debate charges of resurgence of a "Trotskyist" movement on the fringes of the party.

Mr. Attlee, who only recently made a truce with left-winger Aneurin Bevan, was to address the convention in the morning after a press conference.

In the afternoon delegates were to discuss—possibly heated by—charges by the majority of the executive that a "Trotskyist conspiracy" cost the party the 1952 provincial general election.

They will also hear two minority reports, charging that the executive is using the situation as a "scapegoat" to cover its weaknesses.

PROCEEDINGS AMICABLE

Although a clear divergence of left and right wings was foreseen Friday, proceedings at the first day of the three-day convention were peaceful and amicable.

In the afternoon left and right jockeyed for position in debating the procedure to be followed in an appeal by the North Vancouver association against an executive ruling that no CCF association sponsor speeches by leftist Rodney Young. Twenty-three members of the association have been suspended for violation of this ruling.

Young was suspended from the party for alleged Communist activities after saying he was proud to be called a Communist. He said he resigned before the executive ordered his suspension.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

LONDON (Reuters)—Results of today's soccer matches:

ENGLISH LEAGUE
DIVISION I
Aston V 3, Sheffield U 1.
Blackpool 0, Cardiff C 0.
Bolton W 2, Everton 6.
Charlton A 1, Manchester C 1.
Huddersfield T 2, Newcastle U 1.
Manchester U 3, West Bromwich 0.
Portsmouth 0, Chelsea 0.
Sheffield W 1, Leicester C 0.
Sunderland 2, Preston N E 1.
Tottenham 0, Burnley 3.
Wolverhampton W 3, Arsenal 1.
DIVISION 2
Blackburn R 0, Luton T 0.
Bristol R 2, Nottingham F 1.
Derby C 1, Stoke C 2.
Doncaster R 3, Middlesbrough 1.
Fulham 0, Hull City 1.
Liverpool 2, Leeds U 2.
Notts County 2, Bury 1.
Plymouth A 2, Ipswich T 0.
Port Vale 2, Birmingham C 0.
Swansea T 0, Lincoln C 1.
West Ham U 1, Rotherham U 2.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
DIVISION A
Celtic 2, Aberdeen 1.
East Fife 2, Falkirk 0.
Hibernian 1, Queen of South 1.
Motherwell 1, Hearts 1.
Partick T 0, Kilmarnock 3.
St. Mirren 0, Raith R. 2.
DIVISION B
Airdrie 1, Third Lanark 1.
Alloa A 3, Ayr U 0.
Dundee U 6, Arbroath 1.
Forfar A 2, Cowdenbeath 1.
Queens P 5, Brechin C 2.
Stenhousemuir 3, Morton 1.
F A Amateur Cup Final—Bishop Auckland 2, Hendon F C 0. (Played at Wembley Stadium.)

CRIPPLED BY POLIO since 1952, Mrs. Robert Noble, 24, of Halifax says she "hoped and prayed" the Salk polio vaccine test would be successful and remove the threat of this scourge from her two daughters, aged 3, and 1½. She does her housework from wheelchair and is watched by Gail, 3. Had the vaccine been perfected in 1953, Doreen Noble would have been spared living two years in the wheelchair. (CP Photo)

Further Budget Cut Opposed By Vancouver Police Group

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Vancouver Police Commission says it will disclaim any responsibility for the safety of the city if city council insists on a further $38,000 cut in Police Chief Walter Mulligan's budget.

Council recently asked the police department to trim its budget by $03,000. The commission reported they had cut $55,000 but council pressed for the additional slash.

Commissioner Oscar Orr said: "There is a limit beyond which we could not go, and be responsible for the policing of this city."

Mayor Fred Inamo, commission chairman, said: "Two or three weeks ago I said that if the chief wanted a certain amount of money, we should back him.

"Surely there is some other place we can cut services. The moment we cut further, we'll be blamed for not having enough police officers."

Chief Mulligan originally asked for 25 more men and 10 new cars. With one-man cars and economy measures, he has since cut his request to five more men and 10 cars. His request is dependent on the budget dispute.

There are more than 700 men in the Vancouver police force at the present time.

Logger Injured At Jervis Inlet

VANCOUVER (CP) — A 55-year-old White Rock logger is in "fairly good" condition in hospital here today with head injuries and a possible broken back suffered Thursday in an accident at Vancouver Bay, 50 miles northwest of here.

Paul Dawedow, a faller at the B.C. Forest Products camp at Vancouver Bay on Jervis Inlet, was taken to hospital for emergency treatment after being struck on the head and back by a falling snag.

Grain Handlers Go on Strike

PORT ARTHUR (CP)—About 1,200 lakehead grain handlers went on strike today for higher wages. They announced they are arranging to throw picket lines around the first grain ship of the season, the Gordon S. Leach, which arrives earlier today.

Victims Trapped In Rooms by Smoke

OTTAWA (CP)—Fire swept through a wooden RCAF barracks block early today, killing at least two airmen and injuring about 15.

Nine men were taken to hospital, none seriously injured. Another score were forced to leap from second-story windows as flames destroyed the 90-room building at the Rockcliffe air force station.

Bodies of the two known dead were found in the rubble of the building after the fire. They were not immediately identified. Flame and smoke apparently trapped them in their bedrooms.

Firemen continued searching the ruins for possible other bodies and city fire chief John Foote said this will take some time.

The RCAF called a muster parade for 10:30 a.m. to check on the 180 personnel normally in the building.

The check was complicated by the fact that outsiders were allowed to enter the barracks Friday night for a party following local elections in Rockcliffe.

The fire, first noticed about midnight, caused an estimated loss of $110,000. The building was valued at $75,000, and airmen's personal property — all destroyed—at another $35,000.

Most of the nine men taken to the RCAF's hospital on the station were suffering from the effects of inhaling smoke.

No one was hurt in jumping from the second floor of the building.

Cause of the fire was not known, but officials said it did not appear to be the work of a firebug believed to have started a number of church fires in Ottawa recently.

Coast Guard Makes Goodwill Trip

A training and "goodwill" flight was made to Prince Rupert yesterday by United States Coast Guard personnel from Annette Island Coast Guard base in Alaska.

In charge of a group of three officers and 11 crewmen, who landed here at 4:30 p.m. yesterday aboard a Grumman Albatross, was Lieutenant J. L. Sigman, who said the outcome of this first trip might set the pattern for future visits by Coast Guard personnel.

Navigational and operational training was carried out on the flight down.

Other officers accompanying Lt. Sigman were Lt. E. F. Farley and Lt. A. Partian.

Flight was authorized by Commander O. D. Weed, air operations officer at District 17 headquarters at Juneau.

Lt. Sigman was scheduled to fly back to Annette Island today and another plane was expected in here to pick up the rest of the liberty party.

Snag-Boat Transfer Confirmed

Confirmation has been received from Ottawa that the local snag-boat, SS Essington, will soon be transferred to New Westminster where it replaces the SS Sampson which was destroyed by fire last December, it was learned here today.

When the move takes place Capt. W. F. Robertson, presently skipper of the Essington, will serve as mate under Capt. Holland who formerly commanded the Sampson and has a 10-year seniority over Capt. Robertson. As many as possible of the present crew of 13 will also be included in the transfer.

It is expected that the Essington will take up its new berth about the middle of next month. Following its departure, the work of clearing snags and other debris from river mouths in this area will be carried out at least temporarily by a local tug.

PLAN NEW SHIP

While it is not definitely known what arrangements will be made to conduct the work on a permanent basis, it is reported there are plans to build a diesel-operated ship with a steel hull which will perform clearance operations on a more extensive basis along the coast and will also be equipped for dredging and pile-driving.

The stern-wheeler Essington with a registered weight of 129 tons was built at the drydock here in 1930 and launched in 1931. Its first skipper was Capt. John Watson who retired in 1946 and was succeeded by Capt. Robertson. It was the third in line of local snag-boats, the first two being the Cygnet and the Bob-o-Link.

In the same year the Essington was severely damaged by fire with the result that its superstructure had to be rebuilt at a cost of $65,000. Prior to this it saw active service in the harbor during the war and was engaged in laying down anti-submarine nets in the mouth of the harbor.

From the beginning of April to the end of November the ship is normally engaged in snag-clearance on the Skeena, Naas and Kestall rivers. At Balmoral on the Kestall, a $14,000 wharf was built to accommodate it and a 1,000-foot pipeline laid to provide it with water. It is now planned to remove this pipe and store it at Seal Cove.

600 GALLONS DAILY

Where water is not available by pipe the Essington pumps it aboard by means of hose fed into streams. Since it has no condenser system, its water consumption runs as high as 600 gallons a day. It is pointed out that if a diesel-operated ship is sent as replacement, this problem will be eliminated.

The Essington's engines were built in 1905 and, with the stern-wheel, formerly powered the Bob-o-Link which is still afloat and used as a camp-ship for Nelson Bros. Fisheries.

Government's Education Policy Outlined By Minister at 38th Teacher's Meeting

NANAIMO, B.C. (CP) — Steps taken by the provincial government to streamline education administration and measures taken to cope with increasing the supply of trained teachers to keep pace with mounting demand, and other highlights of government policy with respect to education were described by Education Minister Roy Williston at the 38th annual meeting here of the provincial parent-teachers federation.

Mr. Williston told delegates the department's biggest problem was skyrocketing population figures.

At least 450 new class rooms had to be built each year to accommodate annual school population increases of 14,000.

Of the 1,623 new teachers required this year, 600 came from provincial training schools and the deficit of more than 1,000 was supplied from elsewhere.

Shortage of secondary school teachers was particularly acute and would be more so in the next five years. Only 110 of the 460 required were being trained in British Columbia.

New teachers were being recruited in England. Co-operation of teaching staffs of the province had resulted in interesting 1,700 potential teachers in the profession and 87 future teacher clubs had been formed.

Widespread bursary system under dominion-provincial and provincial government auspices had advanced loans of $160,791 to prospective teachers for their training.

A co-ordinator of teacher training will work out initial details to do with establishment of the college of education which will be functioning a year from next September. Provision has been made for immediate appointment of a dean.

Referring to school finance, Mr. Williston said a savings in transportation costs over last year of $110,000 had been effected by the department.

Elementary and high school correspondence courses were serving thousands. Elementary courses were going out to 1,355 children and 195 adults, at an average cost of $40 a year.

WEATHER

FORECAST

North Coast Region—Cloudy with a few showers during the late afternoon. Variable cloudiness Sunday becoming overcast in the evening. Rain in the northern region Sunday evening. Little change in temperature. Winds northerly 15 becoming southerly 20 Sunday evening. Low tonight and high Sunday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 35 and 50.