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Commission For Skeena River To Boost Salmon Yield Slated

Plan To Be Similar To That on Fraser

Special to The Daily News

VANCOUVER—A committee on management for the Skeena River salmon fisheries is being established to make a concentrated effort to increase the annual commercial yield of fish originating in that river system, James Sinclair, federal minister of fisheries announced here today.

The committee's operation will be patterned somewhat along the line of the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission, which has achieved notable success in its rehabilitation work on the Fraser River system, Mr. Sinclair said.

The committee will be composed of A. J. Whitmore, chief supervisor of fisheries for the Pacific area and Dr. Alfred W. H. Needler, director of the Pacific Biological Station at Nanaimo.

Through the committee, the Fisheries Research Board will appoint a man to the full-time job of directing the Skeena investigation, the announcement continued.

PLAN ADVISORY GROUP

An advisory group, drawn from the B.C. fishing industry will also be established, with which the committee will consult from time to time.

"Results of the work of the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission indicated that similar techniques of investigation and management might be used on other rivers in B.C.," Mr. Sinclair said.

"The Skeena requires immediate attention," the fisheries minister asserted.

"In 1951, a massive rock slide occurred in the canyon on the Babine River, chief tributary of the Skeena, with disastrous effects on the run of sockeye salmon which was passing up the river at the time.

"Only about one-third of the run got through to the spawning grounds and many of these were so damaged that the successful reproduction of this cycle run is doubtful," Mr. Sinclair stated.

"Efforts of the department to remove the debris from the river-bed enabled about two-thirds of the large sockeye run in 1952 to pass the obstruction, but again there was much evidence of damaged fish."

"Therefore special measures may be required to rehabilitate these two cycle runs of fish in 1955 or 1956," Mr. Sinclair stated.

Both Mr. Whitmore and Dr. Needler have had considerable experience in the operation of Fisheries Commissions. Mr. Whitmore has been the department's representative on the International Pacific Fisheries Commission, which is holding its first annual meeting in Vancouver today.

Before going to the Nanaimo station, Dr. Needler was closely associated with the International Commission for the northwest Atlantic Fisheries and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea.

TO BETTER MANAGEMENT

The committee will investigate thoroughly the conditions in the Skeena River with a view to improving the management of the runs and to increasing its yield.

The results obtained will indicate whether the techniques applied to the Skeena can be used with advantage on other rivers important to the fisheries, Mr. Sinclair said.

The staff and facilities of the department and its scientific arm, the Fisheries Research Board, will be utilized by the committee to achieve its aims.

The scientific investigations already conducted on the river by the Nanaimo Station and stream clearance and improvement work performed by the department's officers will play an important part in the committee's operations.

JOHNNY WAYNE (left) and Frank Shuster played a big part in a CBC television-n" which in 4½ hours netted $136,682 for the Ontario Hurricane Relief Fund. The y pair pose with Hollywood starlet Elaine Stewart who was in Toronto for the re- ronto's Yonge St.

15,000 Viet Namese Flee Reds

French Navy Saves Refugees

SAIGON, Indo-China (AP)—About 15,000 Viet Namese Roman Catholics escaped from Communist-dominated north Indo-China today by heading to sea in a tattered fleet of small rafts and junks.

The mass break began Sunday from the tiny coastal fishing village of Van Ly, close to the Roman Catholic centre in the south of the Tonkin delta. The move was prompted by the appearance of a small fleet of French naval vessels outside the three-mile limit.

Flying the white and gold papal flag, the refugees carried household goods and a few water buffalo.

French naval units picked them up as soon as their overcrowded craft crossed the three-mile limit.

Five thousand of the refugees were moved at once to Haiphong, where a Canadian-Polish-Indian armistice control team witnessed their arrival.

The French and Catholic groups have protested frequently to the control commission that the Vietminh have blocked 10,000 refugees from quitting the North for new homes in the South. The Geneva agreement provides for free movement between the two zones.

The first arrival reported that thousands of others are secretly attempting to flee to the safety fleet. Some of them are parting with their life savings for places in fishing boats putting out to sea.

Many of the refugees were drenched by high seas. Some were suffering from shock. The French crews distributed boxes of rice and soup to the famished thousands.

ANSWERING THE PHONE in your undies may soon be a thing of the past. A new video phone, being demonstrated in Chicago by pretty Hope Ryden, lets the talkers see each other on a television screen. The device was developed by the Kay Lab of San Diego, Calif., primarily for interoffice communications.

Franco-German Accord Assured Says Premier

PARIS (AP)—A determined Premier Pierre Mendes-France today pushed his program for far-reaching economic accords with West Germany, moving quickly to follow up last week's agreements for adding German strength to Western defence.

In a radio talk last night, the French premier told his countrymen:

"France and Germany are two countries whose nearness to one another and whose resources and production require their close association together."

His talk came a day after the foreign ministers of 15 Western powers signed protocols to three treaties designed to make West Germany a free and equal partner in the Western alliance. The Paris agreements must be ratified by the parliaments of the countries concerned, and Western diplomats hope this can be accomplished by mid-1955. But they look for some rough going with the Soviet Union.

Russia moved almost at the same time the agreements were reached Saturday, calling for a Big Four conference in November on a German peace settlement.

Mendes-France told his radio audience that the signing of an agreement with West Germany's Chancellor Adenauer on the future of the rich Saar valley removes that obstacle to French-German co-operation.

The agreement to "Europeanize" the Saar within the French economy "satisfied rights and interests of France in a way we had called for in vain for a very long time."

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RS-ON re made for the get rid of deputy cabinet ministers who were "hangovers" from the Liberal regime.

E. P. O'Connor, secretary of the Provincial Government Employees Association, said of the statements at the end of an otherwise quiet two-day meeting:

"To make such a bald statement is not consistent with our system of jurisprudence. If any citizen has any complaints, he should present facts so that officials can study them."

The resolution, presented jointly by Fort George and Fernie constituencies, was carried with little opposition and without discussion.

NO PRAISE SLATED

A later attempt to reopen the matter to praise civil servants "who are doing a good job" was defeated.

Almost immediately after the "inefficiency" resolution was accepted, the convention approved another saying no civil servants should be denied the privilege of holding office in a political party.

A predicted split in the party's ranks was avoided when a resolution calling for legalized lotteries was withdrawn from the agenda.

Friday night delegates re-elected Noel J. Murphy of Vancouver to a second term as president of the British Columbia Social Credit League.

The elections resulted in two changes in the league's board of directors. Vic Lawrence of Terrace and Tom McGibbon of Vancouver-Point Grey were elected to replace Percy Hawkins of Cobble Hill and Bert Hodgson of Fort George. Mr. Hodgson declined to run.

Membership Skidding

VANCOUVER (AP)—Reports that the Social Credit League has lost more than 20,000 members in the last year from a reported high of 50,000 at the last election were heard Saturday at the party's annual B.C. convention.

One delegate claimed that League membership now is less than 6,000.

"I can definitely deny that the membership is less than that," said president Noel Murphy.

"Membership is nothing short of remarkable and I would hazard a guess it is greater than the paid-membership of all the other political parties combined."

The financial statement to the end of August showed receipts from memberships and donations of $29,150.

Mr. Murphy would not give a breakdown between memberships and donations.

"Donations," he said, "came from members when they signed up in the League."

He said he couldn't disclose the membership because it would throw the advantage to the other political parties.

The financial statement showed the League overspent receipts by $1,084, leaving a cash balance of $757.

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Missing Crosby Boys d Early This Morning

ON (AP) — The three leader Bob Crosby, 5 p.m. Sunday were ice shortly after

s from police ra- rugged canyon near me said the young- n camping. Officers said they were in good condition.

A neighbor, Tim Wellman, 13, son of movie director William Wellman, found them.

Young Wellman, who has trapped bobcats and coyotes in the area, was searching for the Crosby boys on horseback. He had three dogs with him.

The boys were reported missing Sunday night, and police began a search in the hills near the Crosby's Bel-Air home.

Mrs. Crosby said a sleeping bag was missing, indicating the boys had planned a camping trip. However, the sleeping bag was a single one and the youngsters had never disappeared before, she said.

The boys, nephews of crooner Bing Crosby, are Christopher, 15, George Robert Jr., 10, and Stephen, 8.

Mrs. Crosby told officers the youngsters failed to answer a call to supper. At midnight, their father was riding in a police car searching for them.

More than a hundred officers on foot and in cars and motorcycles searched the woods.

Gyros Set Delivery Record With 1,300 Boxes of Apples

Prince Rupert Gyros yesterday set a record for their apple sales campaign when, in an all-day delivery project, they sold a total of 1,300 boxes of apples.

Earlier, the Gyros had netted about $400 on their apple tag day October 16, and that sum, together with profits on yesterday's sales will go toward the club's various community projects. No estimate was available today on results of Sunday's campaign.

A group of 22 club members, assisted by boys of the Pony League baseball Gyro team and some sons of Gyros coveted the entire city as well as Port Edward in their drive yesterday, starting out with four large trucks and some panel deliveries, at 9 a.m., and finishing the job about 5 p.m.

In some districts the trucks became the centres of regular cavalcades, as youngsters on bikes and a-foot straggled along after the workers, the lucky ones receiving free apples, as some boxes were broken in handling, and many a youngster talking reluctant parents into buying boxes.

Apple days in the past have raised funds for such community projects as the Gyro swimming pool at McClymont Park, playground equipment for McClymont, Casey, Section Two and Fraser Street parks and the softball field at McBride Street and Sixth Avenue.

Driving trucks for the Gyro's project were D. Parent, J. Devison, S. McDonald and Jack Lindsay, and Youngsters helping out included C. Stewart, P. Radford, J. Scott, L. Hewitt, R. Kelsey, W. Kelly, M. Fleming, L. Girbov, W. Oskey, R. Cameron, T. Landstrom, L. Toms, E. Turcotte, J. Lambie, W. Smith and D. Scott.

Lumber Ship Due Friday

The freighter Chum, expected in Prince Rupert over the weekend from Japan to pick up 500,000 board feet of lumber from Little, Haugland and Kerr, Terrace, will not likely be here until Friday, a spokesman at Northland Navigation Company Limited said this morning.

The cargo of lumber is destined for the United Kingdom.

Singer, Actress To Wed in June

HOLLYWOD (AP)—Crooner Eddie Fisher and actress Debbie Reynolds, ending several weeks of speculation about their romance, say they'll be wed next June. The two announced their engagement officially Saturday night at a star-studded party given by comedian Eddie Cantor.

Local Curator On Air Tomorrow

Mrs. Jocelyn Bolton, curator of the Museum of Northern British Columbia will be interviewed as a guest on the "Morning Visit" program, conducted in Vancouver by Eileen Laurie each morning and heard over Prince Rupert's CBC outlet, CFPR at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Bolton, in addition to her work with the museum is also secretary of the Prince Rupert Tourist Bureau and the Prince Rupert Senior Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Bolton, now on a month's holiday in the southern part of the province, is speaking at various tourist bureaus, dispelling previous reports of inaccessibility of Prince Rupert by road from interior points.

Carnival at Christmas Time Suggested to Help Centre

The latest entry in the Civic Centre Letter contest suggests a co-operative Christmas time carnival, staged by all city organizations, to raise funds for the Centre.

G. M. Turner of Prince Rupert submitted the suggestion to the Daily News-sponsored contest which offers a $25 prize to the person submitting the best idea to assure successful financing of Civic Centre operations.

Meanwhile, membership at the Centre has climbed to about 1,600 to date, still far short of the estimated 2,500 needed to assure successful financing of the Centre, and the Centre board of directors is still looking for good suggestions to answer the finance problem.

Mr. Turner's letter is as follows:

"In answer to your request for ideas for the Civic Centre I feel the first need is money and I can't see why some much needed cash to help the centre couldn't roll in around the Christmas season.

"Each year after Christmas Day there are many citizens and transients in Prince Rupert just aching for something to do, and usually, for lack of entertainment, end up in the beer parlors.

"If the clubs would all get together and put on a giant carnival around the 27th and 28th of December, I feel sure, with proper organization, they could accomplish something, and if everyone worked for just an hour they could get a lot of fun out of it. I know this would be a big job and there would be kinks to iron out but nothing is accomplished easily

"I can remember when Mrs. Alf Bell suggested a dancing class and no one thought it would go over, and a less persistent person would have given up. Take a look at the classes today and you'll see how her persistence and courage paid off. The dance revue last spring showed what had been accomplished.

"I know certain games are out but maybe with the co-operation of the police you could have games within the law.

"When outside shows come in, it is evidence of how people want a change and spend freely. Surely this type of money would be better in our own Civic Centre."

—WEATHER—

Synopsis

Except along the north coast sunny weather will continue throughout the province today. Temperatures will be just a little higher than those of yesterday.

An intense storm near the Gulf of Alaska and wet windy weather will return to the north coast later today. Clouds will spread into the central interior by this evening and to southern districts tomorrow. With a few showers expected also in the Cariboo and along the south coast.

Forecast

Cloudy today and Tuesday with occasional rainshowers beginning this afternoon in northern areas and this evening in southern districts. A little milder. Winds southeasterly 30 today, southerly 20 on Tuesday. Low tonight and high Tuesday at Port Hardy 42 and 50, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 45 and 400.

A CRANE LIFTS AWAY the wreckage of a gravel truck which collided with a Canadian National Railways passenger train at a crossing 10 miles northeast of Edmonton. Truck driver Carl Ulmer of Edmonton was killed but the train crew, and 16 passengers escaped injury. (CP Photo)