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Taxi Owners To Fight Licence Of Sight-Seeing Bus At PUC

Cabs To Serve Boats Until Board Decides

City taxi operators yesterday afternoon decided to protest to the B.C. Public Utilities Commission against the granting of a sight-seeing licence to the TMC Bus Line, and pending the commission's decision will continue to provide taxi service to the Canadian National, Union Steamships and Canadian Pacific Steamships docks.

This action resulted from a meeting held in the CNR superintendent's office yesterday afternoon.

Present at the meeting were T. G. Inkster, chief clerk of the CNR, Ken Robertson, CNR passenger agent, Jim Notman CPSS agent, Les Smith, Union Steamships agent, Phil Linzey and Orme Stuart Chamber of Commerce, Neely Moore, Prince Rupert Tourist bureau, City Clerk R. W. Long, Len Griffiths manager of TMC Bus Company and six members of the Prince Rupert Taxi Owners association.

Tom Inkster, named chairman of the meeting, told the group that the CNR was taking no sides in the dispute which yesterday saw the taxi firms pull their cabs off the dock around the arrival time of the CN's Prince Rupert. The move was made, the taxi owners said, as a boycott against the sight-seeing service offered by TMC since they claimed it was "cutting into their business."

Passengers Need Transportation

The chairman said that all the CNR and the other steamship companies effected by the boycott wanted was to see that their passengers had transportation when they disembarked from the visiting boats.

Main point of dispute, Mr. Inkster said, was that Mr. Griffiths charged a dollar per head for his scenic tour of the city while the taxis, unable to cut their expenses further, charged $1.50.

Mr. Griffiths told the meeting that his temporary licence issued him by the PUC called for him to pick up pasengers, take them on a scenic tour and deliver them back to the boat.

"Scenic tours are carried out by bus lines everywhere else," Mr. Griffiths said, adding that "this town should progress the same as anywhere else."

The taximen present, however, labelled Mr. Griffiths' action as "unfair competition."

Said one taxi-driver: "The tourists go straight to a bus everytime."

Said another: "The merchants in this town are going to lose business due to this scenic tour. There's no stopping to shop on the bus line tour and the merchants aren't going to like it."

He added that the taxi tours were a different matter. Tours conducted by the taxis, stopped wherever tourists wanted, the tourists could get out and shop and then continue the tour.

When chairman Tom Inkster suggested the taxis leave out the shopping part, shorten the tour and charge less, the taximen asserted en masse that no tour could be undertaken in less than an hour and a half.

Asked who set his $1 price Mr. Griffiths said that he had applied to the PUC for that price and that under no circumstances could he see charging $1.50 per person for a bus tour.

When Mr. Moore asked if there wasn't enough business in town for both the taxi owners and the bus line he was told by the taximen that there wasn't.

One taximan pin-pointed the taxi owners' complaint when he said that in the past the taxis took people coming into Prince Rupert up town to the hotels for 50 cents and then rushed down to see if any tourists wished to go on tours. With the arrival of Mr. Griffiths' bus on the dock, the tourists seemed to have vanished when they arrived back to get "the cream."

Suggests Bus For "50-Centers"

"Why doesn't TMC take the 50-centers?" he wanted to know.

In answer to a query Mr. Griffiths said that his bus held 33 persons, that his initial trip had numbered 27 passengers and that his tour yesterday was taken by 15 persons.

"I'm sure," the bus line manager told the taximen, "that if you gentlemen were in the bus business you would have done the same thing that I have."

Both Neely Moore and Phil Linzey of the Tourist Bureau and Chamber of Commerce respectively said that both groups had welcomed the advent of a bus tour for tourists and thought that it was something that the city needed.

City Clerk Long brought the meeting to a head when he suggested that since Mr. Griffiths had a perfectly legal right to operate his bus line tours, the only way open to the taxi owners was to file a protest with the PUC.

"If Mr. Griffiths' bus tour is not in the public convenience then the PUC will not grant TMC a permanent licence," Mr. Long said. (TMC has a temporary permit for a bus tour at $1 per person until July 11.)

The taximen said that they had not been notified that a temporary licence had been granted the bus line, but agreed that their only legal action was through the PUC.

Orme Stuart told the taximen that they would be "cutting their own throats" if they continued with the boycott of the steamers. City Clerk Long added that if they refused to answer calls for fares, the taxi operators themselves were risking action by the PUC. The taximen denied any thought of such a thing.

The meeting ended with Mr. Griffith's endorsing the move to act through the PUC and the taximen assuring the steamship firms that they would continue to provide transportation for ship passengers.

THREE-YEAR-OLD JOHNNIE ANDERSON of London, Ont., huffs and puffs trying to fill the boy-size bagpipes while Piper Jim Lavery of the Royal Canadian Engineers Pipe Band, Toronto, encourages him. Both attended the 18th annual Zorra Caledonian Society Highland Games at Embro, near London, Ont. (CP Photo)

City Sending Delegation To Air Transport Hearing

The Prince Rupert airport committee decided at a special meeting yesterday to send delegates to a meeting of the Air Transport Board being held Monday in Vancouver.

The delegates have not been chosen yet, nor is it known how many will be going, Mayor George Hills said this morning.

The Transport Board will start hearings next week on applications for increased air service by various airlines in the province, including one affecting Prince Rupert.

Feeling of the meeting yesterday was that while the committee was in favor of any increased air service for the northern section of B.C. nothing should prejudice the establishment of an airport for wheeled planes in Prince Rupert.

From a meeting Tuesday, between three members of the airport group and Ken Razell, Canadian Pacific Airlines superintendent for B.C. the committee learned that CPA will have Class 1 application before the Transport Board.

The Class 1 application, which calls for installation of equipment to permit instrument flying, is for a CPA run between Prince Rupert and Terrace. Should the application be granted, it will in effect give the CPA an extension of their present permit to fly direct from Terrace to Vancouver.

The CPA has applied for the permit before completion of installation of directional landing system equipment at Terrace.

Members of the airport committee present at yesterday's meeting were chairman J. T. Harvey, Dr. L. M. Greene, G. Neely Moore, Pat O'Neal and Mayor Hills.

Also attending, at the invitation of the chairman, were Phil Linzey, president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and Art Nixon, Chamber vice-president.

Ex-Candidate For Presidency To Visit Here

Adlai Stevenson, unsuccessful U.S. presidential candidate, will pay a brief visit to Prince Rupert next week, in the course of a west coast cruise, it was learned here today.

The high-ranking Democrat is scheduled to arrive here Friday, July 16, aboard the Canadian Pacific SS Princess Louise.

He is expected to board the Louise in Vancouver July 14, after sailing from Seattle by private yacht. The ship, regular cruise ship plying the coast between Vancouver and Alaska, will arrive in Prince Rupert about 9 a.m. July 16, sailing for Alaska about two hours later.

$5,000 Bail Set For Dr. Rush

VICTORIA (CP)—Chief Justice Gordon Sloan yesterday set bail at $5,000 for Dr. Raymond Rush following formal notice of appeal against the Vancouver physician's manslaughter conviction.

Court officials here said the order granting bail would be sent to Vancouver overnight and would be handled by the appeal court registry there.

Australia Not Recognizing Red China Asserts Menzies

CANBERRA (AP)—Prime Minister R. G. Menzies said today there has been no change in Australia's opposition to the admission of Communist China to the United Nations.

He was commenting at a press conference on New Zealand external affairs minister Clifton Webb's statement that the time had arrived to recognize Red China.

Menzies recalled that last September, when Australian troops were fighting the Chinese Communists in Korea, he had said that he would not discuss recognition by Australia of the Communist regime.

In Auckland, New Zealand however, external affairs minister Webb told the house of representatives again tonight that Communist China should be admitted to the United Nations.

He suggested that Nationalist China continue to hold her seat also.

"Let us do what we can to bring them all in," he said. "It is a disturbing element, we know, but it is better to have a disturbing element inside than out."

AS A GRINNING POLICEMAN stands by, comforted by the thought of a job well done, 17-year-old Charles C. Smith glumly reads the ticket issued by Patrolman Frank Brewster at Ann Arbor, Mich. Smith received the ticket for driving "an unlicensed car," after another motorist complained that a sudden stop by the inventive teen-ager caused a minor accident. Adding insult to injury, orders were issued to Smith to disassemble the gasoline-engine vehicle.

Bomb Tests Will Continue—U.S. Tells United Nations

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (CP)—U.S. delegation officials said Wednesday super-bomb tests will continue indefinitely on Eniwetok and Bikini.

They expressed regret such tests had injured anyone in the Marshall Islands.

Their statements were issued as the United Nations trusteeship council took up the report of U.S. administration of Pacific island areas of 1952-1953.

Mason Sears, U.S. representative in the council, said the United States has a right to hold bomb tests in the Marshall Islands area and that they will go on.

In Washington, it was reported that several United States ships caught in the radio-active "fallout" from the March 1 hydrogen bomb test in the Pacific escaped contamination by using exterior sprinkling systems which washed them down with clean sea water as they passed through the atomic rain belt.

The system was devised by the U.S. navy.

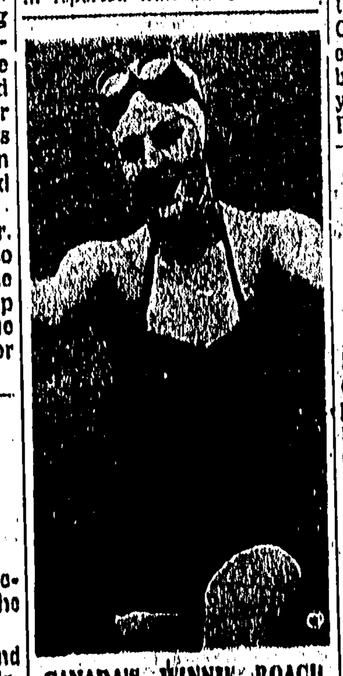
In Tokyo, the newspaper Asahi reported that State Minister Masazumi Ando of Japan said Wednesday the United States has rejected a Japanese government request to halt H-bomb tests in the Marshalls. Ando made his statement in a report to the fishery committee of the Upper House of the Diet parliament.

Tass, official Russian news agency, quoted prominent Japanese scientists Wednesday as saying the cold summer may result from contamination of the atmosphere following recent hydrogen bomb tests in the Pacific. A Reuters dispatch from London summarized the Tass story.

Tass quoted a letter it said was sent by Dr. Hatakeyama, president of the Japanese Meteorological Society, to the director of the Hydro-Meteorological Institute of the Soviet Union.

Paratroopers Drop in Malaya

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya (AP)—Two hundred British paratroopers were dropped east of Ipoh, Malaya's chief tin mining centre, today in a drive against Chinese Communist terrorist gangs operating in that area. It was the biggest air operation of the six-year Malayan war against the Red guerrillas.



CANADA'S WINNIE ROACH LAUSZLER steps out of the water at Long Beach, Calif., where she was practising for the 50-mile Catalina Channel swim. Conqueror of the English Channel in 1951, the St. Thomas, Ont., housewife failed this morning to complete the crossing while trying to better Florence Chadwick's record of 16 hours and 47 minutes. See story on Page 6.

Vancouver Bakeries Closed Down

VANCOUVER (CP)—Bread baking halted today in Vancouver's major bakeries.

Workers at McGavin Bakeries Ltd., went on strike, and plants of six other firms in Vancouver and two bakeries in Nanaimo closed at noon as operators enforced a lockout.

McGavin's was picketed, with pickets carrying placards bearing the single word "strike."

A thirty-five-hour work week and certain fringe benefits are sought by workers. The present work week is 38 hours. No pay boost is sought by employees, members of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union.

Bread was baked by the night shifts and last deliveries left the plants at 8 this morning.

Hospitals and institutions will be supplied bread during the strike-walkout by a non-union store with its own baking facilities.

The strike and lockout involves 450 workers in Vancouver and Nanaimo.

The work stoppage will cut off regular supply of bread to an estimated 500,000 persons in Vancouver and the lower mainland.

Meanwhile in Prince Rupert bakery owner Earl Mah, planned to seek bakery supplies from Vancouver by air, to try to beat a shortage of baking essentials down south.

"I'm alright for flour," Mr. Mah said, "but they might run short of yeast."

Russia, India Fail To Unseat Nationalists

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Russia and India failed Wednesday, after bitter debate, to unseat Nationalist China in the 12-country United Nations trusteeship council.

With Britain abstaining the council voted 9 to 2 to accept the credentials of the Nationalist Chinese delegation represented by S. S. Liu. The council rejected a Soviet charge that only Red China has the legal right to name a delegate in UN bodies and that the Nationalist China delegate "represents only the Kuomintang clique."

Only the Soviet Union and India voted against accepting the credentials.

MONMOUTH, Wales (Reuters)—Donald Walker, 36, a market trader, was jailed for three years here today for stealing relics of Admiral Lord Nelson, Britain's naval hero, from a museum. Only a few of the 93 relics, worth $7,000, have been recovered.

Hazelton Driver Fined $75 After Car Ends Up in Ditch

Leslie Wale of Hazelton, was fined $50 and costs or in default one month in jail when he pleaded guilty in police court this morning to a charge of reckless driving, arising out of a near-accident yesterday.

On a second count of not having a current drivers' licence, Wale was fined $25 and costs or in default 14 days, the two sentences to run consecutively.

Wale said that he had been drinking and that the first time he knew he was driving was when the car went into a ditch on Eleventh Avenue.

Police testimony said that Wale was seen to pass another car on Eleventh at the same time that another car was approaching.

Asked by Magistrate W. D. Vance where he learned to drive, the accused said he had learned by driving his father's truck in the bush.

"I don't usually drive out on the highway," Wale asserted.

"I should think not. You have no licence," Magistrate Vance replied.

The magistrate added that it was a serious offence and that such driving could easily result in someone being killed.

Also up in court this morning was Arthur Peacock, in the city one day from Toronto, who pleaded guilty to a charge of supplying an intoxicant to an Indian and was fined $50 and costs or one month in jail.

WEATHER

North Coast Region: Cloudy today and Friday. A few showers today. Rain Friday, little change in temperature. Light winds. Low tonight and high Friday at Port Hardy 50 and 62, Sandspit 50 and 60, Prince Rupert 50 and 60.

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...m Sweeps Saskatchewan ...shing Buildings to Bits

...A (AP)—Buildings in the ...y area 70 miles east of ...re piles of rubble Wed... ...mashed to kindling in ... which swept through ...ern Saskatchewan last

...l unit official called by ... to Regina Wednesday ... report on the havoc ...y the storm. He said ...per cent of the trees in ...rict had been blown ...ur 80-foot radio beacon ...re destroyed.

...ficial said winds of 90 ... hour were recorded at Broadview with gusts to 110. About six inches of rain fell.

Trees 18 inches in diameter were snapped off. Boxcars on ...ilway tracks were shunted by the wind.

The farm town had no power up to Wednesday night and most telephone lines were down. Streets were flooded. Older residents described the storm as the worst they had ever seen.

The disturbance moved in from the west and cut through southeastern Saskatchewan to the Manitoba border.

...IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!—Summer has arrived and the ...oks nice enough for a dip, but these two blonde curlies ...inki, Finland, don't seem to want to dunk themselves all ... Even so, they couldn't look sweeter.