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BATTERY Four of the five counsel concerned in Vancouver's police investigation listened yesterday as Mr. H. Tupper, royal commissioner, delivered his opening remarks at the inquiry. Left to right: Morris, counsel for police chief Walter Mulligan; Lawrence Hill, for wounded Det. G. L. Murphy, representing the service which distributes the weekly tabloid newspaper; and J. G. A. Hutcheson, official commission counsel. In background at right are reporters who covered the hearing. Opening are shown in background at right.

(CP Photo)

Cost of Sidewalk Work, Width of Road Queried

A detailed estimate of the reconstruction of a sidewalk on Fourth Avenue East was asked for last night by city council after Ald. T. Norton Youngs cited the basis for City Engineer Fred Good's estimate of \$3,000 for the job.

The engineer by count of the average width of 4' 6" said it turns into 5' 6" where it turns into 6' 6". Ald. Youngs asked if the city would widen the road and above the reconstruction for paving.

OVERBOARD?

Youngs preferred his request that the city "overboard" for hand-sawn planked rock revetments. He added that he felt it was necessary to do whatever a reasonable cost was needed.

Youngs said that the 4' 6" section of Avenue was a definite danger for people walking, but that it had time and a lot of room. He said that the board was ready to get as close as possible down with the new width.

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Mrs. S. Frizzell Dies Aged 79 After Illness

Mrs. Sadie Frizzell, 79, widow of George J. Frizzell, and one of Prince Rupert's early settlers died at noon today in Prince Rupert General Hospital after a lengthy illness.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ireland, Mrs. Frizzell was born in Victoria and in 1899 moved to Port Essington. She married at Port Essington in 1902 and eight years later moved to Prince Rupert.

For 13 years Mrs. Frizzell operated the well-known Frizzell Hot Springs on the south bank of the Skeena River, giving up the enterprise five years ago. Until 1941 she operated a ladies' laundry and ready-to-wear store at both Port Essington and Prince Rupert.

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Conciliator Meets Seamen And Ship Firm

VANCOUVER — A federal government conciliation officer was meeting with company and union representatives here today in an effort to find a solution to the ten-day-old strike against Union Steamships Ltd.

Acting on instructions from Ottawa, federal labor officer G. R. Currie summoned representatives of the company and the Seafarers' International Union (AFL-CLC). The joint meeting is the first attempt at a settlement in the strike which has crippled the supply services to B.C. coast ports and the Queen Charlotte Islands, since 360 seamen walked out July 3.



SIDELINED CHIEF — Walter Mulligan, chief of Vancouver's 735-man police force, has a front-row seat at a royal commission hearing to investigate charges of graft and corruption in the city's police department. Mulligan has been placed on leave of absence for the duration of the hearings. His duties are handled by Supt. Alan Pusser, head of the traffic division. (CP Photo)

Night Building Noisy Parties By-Law Target

Home carpenters and "wild west" hosts will have to tone down their activities in future, city council decided last night.

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WEATHER

Cloudy today and Wednesday. Occasional light rain or drizzle. Intermittent rain in the northern part tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Light winds. Low tonight and high Wednesday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert. 50 and 60.

Fishing Season Extended

Due to slow halibut landings an extension will be granted in the first halibut fishing season in Area 3A and Area 3B, the International Pacific Halibut Commission announced today.

A wire received here from H. A. Dunlop, director of the commission by Vic Whiting, city agent, said that the extension will be at least five days from the present closing day of July 28. The opening dates of the second season will be changed accordingly.

There were no halibut landings this morning.

Government Aid Likely On Project

Government assistance in the form of grants-in-aid will be given Prince Rupert General Hospital board's plan to establish separate facilities for care of chronic long-term patients, as soon as the board decides to go ahead with its plans.

The board was told by Health Minister Eric Martin on his visit here yesterday, that the government would co-operate to the extent of sharing 60 per cent construction costs and 33 per cent of equipment costs.

"However, for the government to undertake a separate provincial program for the care of chronic patients would be an almost impossible task in present circumstances," Mr. Martin said. "It would cost from \$15 to \$20 million a year, which would place it in about the same class as the present hospital insurance program."

Top City Staff Gets Pay Boost

Salary boosts up to \$50 monthly were granted to civic employees of executive status last night as the city council acting as committee of the whole reviewed salary scales of its department heads.

Following increases were granted: R. W. Long, City Clerk-\$105 to \$110; Peter Lien, Chief Accountant and Collector, \$503 to \$500; Fred Royl, City Assessor, \$100 to \$135; Earl W. Becker, Fire Chief, \$357 to \$360; W. H. Hill, Assistant Fire Chief, \$355 to \$380; Carl Gustafson, Superintendent of Works, \$125 to \$175; A. E. Janes, Telephone Superintendent, \$125 to \$175.

Also to be banned under the by-law are all-night parties which disturb neighbors. City Clerk R. W. Long said that he had received a delegation earlier yesterday asking what steps could be taken to curb the noise from neighbors throwing weekend parties.

"Under the Criminal Code no action can be taken because the disturbance takes place in a dwelling," the City Clerk said. He added that the by-law could be drafted to cover a number of instances.

Ald. Ritchie pointed out that the by-law was not intended to prevent people from working on their homes on weekends or their off-hours, but was merely to insure that they stopped in time so as not to disturb their neighbors.

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VAL PETERSON, chief of civil defence for the United States, chats with Canada's Health Minister Martin in Ottawa on civil defence measures. Mr. Peterson said a nuclear attack will mean "unnecessary death" for millions unless Canada and the U.S. prepare properly with defensive measures. (CP Photo)

Says Government, Hospitals Must Co-Operate on Costs

"I am not worried about the position as you are. Where is it going to get the money to meet these rising costs?"

The health minister said that from 1949 to 1954 hospital costs in B.C. had increased from \$19,731,000 to \$34,348,000, an increase of 74 per cent. He pointed out that five years ago there were 147 employees for every 100 patients, while last year there were 170.

70 PER CENT OF BUDGET

"At present the wage bill for 9,000 hospital employees accounts for roughly 70 per cent of the total budget," he observed. "In the period between 1949 and 1954 salaries and wages have gone up by 95 per cent. The government has been obliged to take this action to hold the line somewhere."

Speaking at a special meeting called by the board on the occasion of his visit here, Mr. Martin said it was a "matter of co-operation between hospitals and the government to keep costs at a reasonable level."

He declined to say whether the directive would be changed if it put hospitals in a financial position they could not handle.

TO BE THRASHED OUT

"The whole matter will be thrashed out soon when representatives of the B.C. Hospital Association meet with Premier Bennett and members of the cabinet," he added.

Hospital board chairman, R. J. Moore told Mr. Martin the board and administrator Douglas Stevenson had made every effort to learn if there was any way that expenditures could be reduced without impairing the efficiency of the hospital's operation.

This included asking employees if they would be willing to accept pay cuts and sacrifices from the medical staff if there were any services that could be reduced or eliminated.

He said that so far all replies had been in the negative.

Mr. Martin replied that he realized the size of the problem, particularly since hospital pay increases had already been granted locally before the directive was issued.

Mr. Martin said that this was brought about by a larger staff per 100 patients, higher pay and shorter hours.

GREEKS TO MEET

LADY SMITH, a Greek family from Vancouver, Victoria and Port Angeles, Wash., will hold their annual picnic here on July 17. The picnic will feature the government is in the same dancing and sports events.

ONE OF BEST HOSPITALS This is one of the best run hospitals in B.C. and the government is appreciative of that fact, he continued. "However, a lamb barbecue, Greek national

and the government is in the same dancing and sports events.

Lawyer Makes Last-Minute Bid To Save Murderess

By COLIN FROST LONDON, ENGLAND—A leading British lawyer paid a surprise visit to Ruth Ellis today in a dramatic last-minute move to save the blonde murderer from the gallows.

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NOT SUFFICIENT GROUNDS

After studying the trial record and medical and legal recommendations, Lloyd-George said there "are not sufficient grounds to recommend any interference with the due course of the law."

Opponents of the death penalty were expected to raise the issue in the House of Commons tonight in hopes that a vote might be obtained urging clemency.

George Rogers, lawyer

member of Parliament, said he was considering what action might be taken.

It appeared doubtful the Commons would take action.

Only the Queen could halt the execution. The monarch traditionally acts in such cases only on the recommendation of the home secretary—Owlym Lloyd-George—who Monday rejected clemency appeals and petitions containing more than 20,000 signatures.

WANTS TO DIE

In a letter to Frank Neume, an old friend, she said:

"No doubt you have heard I do not want to live. You may find this very hard to believe, but that is what I want."

"I am quite well and happy under the circumstances and I am very well looked after. I have plenty to amuse me."

Mrs. Ellis, mother of two children, was convicted of firing four bullets into the body of David Ninkley, 26-year-old auto racing driver, outside a tavern. She testified during her trial that "intended to kill him" before she should die.

Newspapers commenting on the case today all agreed the decision of the home secretary was inevitable under present British law. Some publications forecast, however, Britain may soon abolish the death penalty and that the Ellis case may speed the move.

"More and more we believe public opinion is moving against the inhuman ritual of hanging," said The Daily Mail.

The News Chronicle and The Daily Herald both called for a change in the law. "This sort of justice has had its day," said The News Chronicle.

The Daily Sketch said, how-

ever, it had received hundreds

of letters from women readers

and that nine out of 10 thought

the "intended to kill him" be-

ing the right sentence.

Mrs. Ellis should die.