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# Drydock Outlook Brightened As Prospective Buyer Found

## Interested Parties Would Operate Here

Negotiations for purchase of the Prince Rupert shipyard and drydock by a person who would operate the drydock as it stands, are reported underway.

At a meeting of the city drydock committee here yesterday, Chairman Orme Stuart reported that a possible purchaser is showing definite interest and, if certain conditions can be met, will take over operation of the drydock "as it stands."

**Remarking that "the outlook now is the brightest it has been since the drydock was put up for sale," he said the prospective purchaser could not be named at present, but that talks were to be held within two weeks which would establish whether or not the conditions can be met and final negotiations commenced.**

Proposed sale of the drydock was announced last January 28 by Donald Gordon, president of Canadian National Railways which has operated the drydock for the past four years under an agreement with the federal government.

The announcement brought a flurry of protests from civic officials, backed by every local organization concerned. Ottawa was bombarded with wires and on February 18, at a federal cabinet meeting, it was decided to postpone sale of the facilities for six months, to allow continued operation throughout the present summer fishing season.

**"OTTAWA INTERESTED"**

At yesterday's meeting here, E. T. Applewhaite, M.P., reported that the federal government is following the new developments with close interest and that he was confident it would do everything possible to help them reach a successful conclusion. Mr. Applewhaite has personally been in touch with those concerned in the negotiations.

Commenting on the original plan to invite Fisheries Minister James Sinclair and former Transport Minister Lionel Chevrier to Prince Rupert to look over the situation, Mr. Stuart said that at a recent meeting of committee chairmen it was decided this was not advisable at the present time. He said it was felt the visit would serve no purpose unless there were specific points to be discussed and the committee had something to show the cabinet members which had not already been considered.

In general discussion at the meeting it was agreed that, while the prospects were encouraging, each member should continue to explore every possible channel to effect a satisfactory sale of the drydock. It was pointed out that, with the plan scheduled to cease operations on September 30, the matter had taken on the greatest urgency.

On the motion of George Casey, the meeting concurred in the action taken so far and expressed a vote of confidence in the initiative shown by Mr. Stuart.

## False Pretence Case Dismissed

A charge of obtaining money under false pretences against Allan Mar of Prince Rupert and Ashcroft was dismissed in police court yesterday afternoon at the request of Crown prosecutor T. W. Brown, QC.

Mar was charged with obtaining $300 by cashing cheques for $100 and $200 at the Hollywood Cafe in April of this year, without having funds to cover them.

Crown counsel told Magistrate W. D. Vance that upon examination of Mar's bank account it had been found that it contained enough money to cover the two cheques at the time they were issued, as well as for a reasonable time after.

## —WEATHER—

Synopsis: A ridge of high pressure which brought summer to southern B.C. during the past few days shows signs of weakening. Moist air will move over the North Coast this evening and into the central interior early on Sunday causing general cloudiness and a few showers in those areas.

The southern interior will not be affected by this change and the warm sunny weather will continue over the week-end. Along the south coast there will be an increase in cloudiness tomorrow and the sun will shine only at intervals.

Regional forecast: North coast region: Cloudy today and Sunday with rain beginning this evening and decreasing to showers on Sunday morning. Not Light winds. Low tonight and much change in temperature. high Sunday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 50 and 60.

## City To Choose Golden Boy Today

The local boy who will travel down to see the British Empire Games as a guest of the B.C. Athletic Round Table Society will be chosen today, Tom McMeekin, the Society's Prince Rupert representative said this morning.

The boy's name will be chosen from a list of 32 candidates, proposed by Fred Jones of the Civic Centre and the Prince Rupert unofficial Pony League. Mr. McMeekin said that he hoped to have Mayor George Hills make the draw this afternoon.

## RCAF Orders British Trainer

LONDON (CP)— Canada has placed the first order for a new British ground trainer, designed specifically to train and test airline pilots.

The device, a development of the Link trainer, has been ordered by the ministry of transport. It will be used for checking pilots for twin-engine flying.

"DEAR, SAY SOMETHING!" — The part cocker spaniel pup, Sugar Baby, seems to have acquired quite a bit of savoir faire in his short life as he snuggles up to a tolerant, though not too happy tabby. The animals, at present, form the entire menagerie of Kenny Cunningham of Parsons, Kansas.

## District Scouts Desperate For Assistant Camp Leader

A summer camping session for 24 local Boy Scouts hung in the balance today, as the district Scout executive searched frantically for a man to assist the camp leader.

Stuart Furk, district secretary, today appealed for someone to volunteer his help, in order to avoid disappointment for the eager would-be campers.

He said the association has lost three of its Scout and Cub leaders in the past month, including the one who had planned to assist Camp Leader Harry Winstone on the pioneer camp outing; planned for Seymour Lake near Smithers. Strict Scout Association regulations require two-man leadership for such a camp session.

He said a former Scouter would be preferable for the camping job but "anyone interested in boys" would be greeted with open arms.

"Surely someone will offer to return the traditional "Boy Scout good deed" he said, adding that anyone able to help with the camp, scheduled for August 14 to 22, should contact him.

## "Francis" Mule Producer Dies

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Leonard Goldstein, 51, who produced such motion pictures as the "francis" series, involving a mule and the "Ma and Pa Kettle" series, died Friday night. He was stricken while conferring with Darryl F. Zanuck and Spyros Skouras.

## Dyke Patrols End

MISSION (CP)—Dyke patrols, maintained on a round-the-clock basis for several weeks during high water levels, have been withdrawn from the 70-mile Fraser valley network. The Fraser river was reported at a level of 15.16 feet here Friday, a drop of five inches overnight. It rose close to the 22-foot mark during the height of the spring run off.

## Bevan Attacks Rearmament Of Germany

LONDO.... (Reuters)—British Labor party left-wingers Friday opened a campaign against West German rearmament, and threatened to renew a feud in the party's high councils.

The campaign was started with publication of a pamphlet signed by left-wing leader Aneurin Bevan and five of his followers.

In a radio broadcast Friday night, Bevan said that to rearm Germany would be a decisive step toward a world war "because if she is rearmed she will want to have her grievances attended to."

Bevan said that the Geneva conference showed negotiation with Russia and Communist China is "possible" and called for new talks on uniting Germany. He said Germany's continued division would be bound to cause friction and called present policy on Germany "one of utter and complete despair."

## Brands Religion As Remnant Of Capitalism

MOSCOW (AP) —Pravda in a two-column front page editorial today denounces religion as "a clinging, harmful remnant of capitalism" and called for an insistent, never-yielding campaign against it.

The Communist party newspaper demands that all Communist organizations undertake extensive "scientific and atheistic propaganda" to show believers in religion their error.

## Union To Vote On Award

### Local Balloting Starts Tomorrow

District shoreworkers of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union will start voting tomorrow on whether to accept or reject a conciliation board majority award on this year's contract negotiations.

Tom Parkin, northern representative of the UFAWU said this morning that the union's negotiating committee had recommended that the award be turned down by the membership.

Voting by workers at Nelson Bros. Fisheries at Port Edawrd will get underway at the Port Edward Hall tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Parkin said. Voting at Oceanside Cannery is slated to start at 2:30 Monday, while times for voting at plants up the Skeena River have not been definitely set.

However it is expected that balloting will be held at Cassiar and Sunnyside Canneries Tuesday and at North Pacific Cannery on Wednesday.

Referring to the majority report on the shoreworkers' negotiations, Mr. Parkin stated that it doesn't come anywhere near meeting the requirements for this year, or what was actually requested by the union.

The conciliation board majority report calls for a 40-hour week to be in force from July 15 to Jan. 15 each year with a 44-hour week in effect the other half of the year. The union had asked for a straight 40-hour week.

"This will mean that the only time a 40-hour week will be of any use, will be for three months of the year as employees are not working during the rest of the time it is in force," Mr. Parkin stated.

The report also turned down the union's request for the Sloan formula for compulsory check-off of union dues.

On the question of wages, Mr. Parkin said, the report's recommendation was substantiall below the cannery workers request and the wage boost had been spread over a two-year period instead of just covering this year.

Regarding other wage requests, the report called for straight time to be paid Saturday morning, Mr. Parkin said. He added that on the question of night-shift differential, qualifying time for statutory holidays and other fringe benefits, the board's majority report called for no change.

KING WHISKERS—A "King" is delivering mail in Kewanee, Ill., these days. His Majesty is postman William Welch, 32, whose bushy beard won him the title "King of the Kewanee Centennial." According to a jury of three ladies, mailman Bill had the handsomest whiskers from among some 200 contestants.

## French, Reds "Limit" War; India Accepts Armistice Job

HANOI (AP)—French and Vietminh delegates to the peace village of Truns Gia agreed today to limit military attacks on each other to regimental strength until the cease-fire goes into effect July 27.

The agreement to stop large-scale fighting during the three-day interim was announced today by the French high command. It specifies:

1. Neither side will use battle forces bigger than a regiment in north Viet Nam, and limit them to battalion strength elsewhere in Indo-China.

2. Both sides will, "as soon as possible," stop mining roads, sabotaging railroads and cutting communication lines.

3. Both sides will order their troops to stop damaging property or harming civilians in north Viet Nam.

**NO BOMBING**

4. The French air force will not bomb Vietminh territory or bases, will use planes only to support ground troops, and will not use the napalm bomb under any circumstances.

NEW DELHI (AP) — An Indian government spokesman accepted membership on the international commission to supervise the Indo-China cease-fire.

India, Canada and Poland were invited to make up the supervisory team. Prime Minister Nehru's government said Friday it could not decide whether to accept the bid until it had a chance to study the documents on the general agreement.

## S. P. Woodside, Once of Rupert Dies in South

Sydney Patrick Woodside, resident of Prince Rupert for over 20 years, died suddenly yesterday in White Rock, B.C. of a heart ailment.

He was father of Gerald P. Woodside, advertising and promotion manager of The Prince Rupert Daily News.

Born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1899, he resided in Prince Rupert from about 1930 until the summer of 1952, when he left for a Canadian customs post at White Rock.

In Prince Rupert, he worked as a trainman for Canadian National Railways until about 1939 when he entered customs work as an appraiser at the local office. In White Rock, he was acting chief appraiser on the Pacific highway.

A veteran of the First World War, he served overseas with the Royal Ulster Rifles, and following the war remained at home in Ireland until about 1921 when he came to Canada. He was employed by the railway at various prairie points before coming to Prince Rupert.

His major interests here were in youth and sports. He was active in the now defunct Sea Scout movement and president of the Navy League of Canada here. His sports interests included especially basketball, which he coached for some time, and football. He was also a member of the Tsimpsean Lodge, AF & AM.

Besides his son he is survived by his wife in White Rock, his father, Henry P. Woodside, in Belfast, and three grandchildren, Randall, Patricia and Robert Woodside.

His son, Gerald, flew south today to complete funeral arrangements.

## New System To Speed Up Liquor Sales

VICTORIA (CP)—Service in Liquor Control Board stores will be speeded in the fall when they switch to a new cash register system that will replace the present three-step system of purchasing.

Board Chairman Col. Donald McGugan said Friday the cash register system has worked successfully in a six-months test period at the South Burnaby store. It will be introduced in October and by the end of the year will be in all 99 NLCB stores.

## Study Irrigation

REGINA (CP)—The Saskatchewan Rivers Development Association has arranged a tour of southern Alberta irrigation areas to privide Saskatchewan residents with a direct knowledge of irrigation.

## Southern Belle of Carolina Wins Miss Universe Contest

EACH, California (AP)— has been named Miss f 1954, winning out finalists in compe- ong Beach, California. Stevenson, a perfectly d southern belle, who won the Miss U.S.A. the first contestant grand sweep in the history of the com-

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up to the winsome ss were Marie Martha Brazil, Virginia June Kong, Regina Ernst y and Ragnhild Claus- ien.

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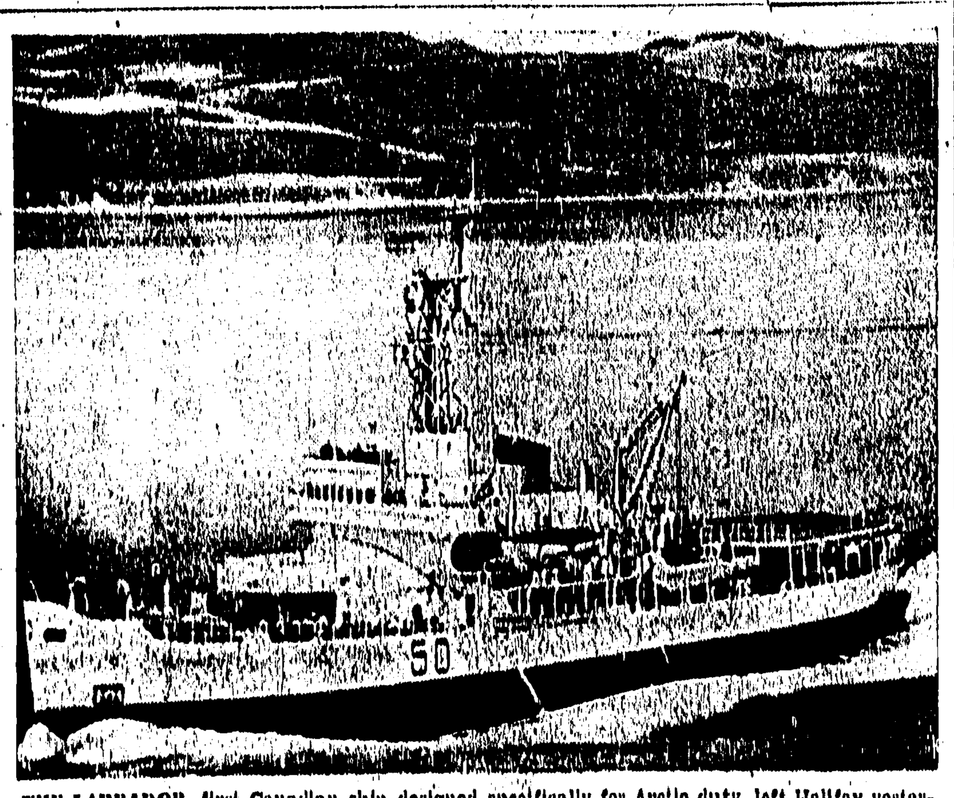
venson not only was world's most beautiful t also gets back her st ever since she ar- a week ago Friday. rs she said:

ull evah come down to olina, I'll cook you the cupin' plate of corne nny grits an' ham evah saw."

ss Universe and Miss wns carry with them- ntical sets of prizes. Each set includes a $4,000 convertible, a 13-week contract at Universal-International movie studio and half a dozen pieces of jewelry.



THE LABRADOR, first Canadian ship designed specifically for Arctic duty, left Halifax yesterday on her first five-month cruise north. The vessel, built at an estimated cost of $20,000,000, is equipped with the latest scientific equipment to study far northern navigation and weather. Ten scientists are aboard for her initial cruise.

## Dyes, Chemicals Used in Foods May Cause Cancer Says Londoner at World Conclave

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP)—Some dyes or other chemicals added to our foods might cause certain forms of cancer, a British scientist today told representatives of 54 countries here to study ways of fighting the scourge.

Dr. Eric Boyland, biochemist of London University, told the sixth International Cancer Congress that numerous chemicals put in foods deserve a closer look for possible cancer effects.

It is a tough problem, he said, to tell whether such chemicals cause cancer. He said a dye known as "butter yellow" formerly was used to color oleomargarine but was abandoned when it was found capable of causing cancer in experimental animals. A green dye used in canning peas also was found capable of causing the disease in laboratory animals.

Boyland said two solutions have been suggested. One is to avoid adding any chemicals to foodstuffs, the other to test each one first in the laboratory. But such tests could cost about $10,000 each and take a long time.

He said the discovery that some chemical products produce cancer in animals doesn't necessarily mean that they would do the same in humans. He added, however, that some cases of stomach, liver or bladder cancer might be caused by chemicals in foods.