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TOMORROW'S TIDES

Saturday, August 18, 1956
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	11:02	17.1 feet
	23:44	19.0 feet
Low	5:42	5.1 feet
	17:48	8.4 feet

LIEUT. (L) GWYNN HOLTBY, 30, of Prince Rupert (left) and CPO Kenneth Campbell, Saint John, N.B., two members of the electrical department aboard HMCS Bonaventure, check the power supply for the latest available electronic equipment fitted in Canada's new aircraft and aircraft carrier. The 18,000-ton carrier is now being built at Belfast, Northern Ireland and will be commissioned in October. Lt. Holtby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Holtby, 421 Dunsmuir Street. (National Defence Photo)

Criticism Of Early Election Date "Smear Tactics" Says Bennett

Premier Answers Opposition Charge

VICTORIA (CP) — Premier Bennett replied Thursday to charges in connection with his calling a Sept. 19 provincial election with only 38 days notice, the minimum required by law.

The premier labelled as "smear" tactics an opposition charge that he called an early election in order to have it completed before the Sommers-Sturdy case is heard in court.

"That is utterly false," he said. "just another opposition smear. The opposition parties have been smearing ever since I announced this election Monday night."

Former Forestry Minister Robert Sommers is suing Vancouver lawyer David Sturdy for slander as a result of statements about forest management licences before the Sloan forestry commission.

The British Columbia election will be the fourth provincial election in Canada this year. New Brunswick, Quebec and Saskatchewan held theirs in June.

Premier Bennett, whose Social Credit government, elected in June, 1953, had 28 of the 49 seats in the legislature, denied that time is inadequate for completion of voters' lists.

He added that the B.C. voters' list is open all year, every year.

Referring to the charge as "part of the smear campaign," he said the stories are "just political dust, just fluff, fluff, fluff, just bluff, bluff, bluff."

Liberal leader Arthur Laing Thursday estimated 250,000 eligible voters are not yet registered on voters' lists. He charged it is impossible to "guarantee everyone eligible that they can vote."

Mr. Laing issued a statement establishing his party's course as "left of centre." He distinguished this position from the right, "associated with harsh authority, given to dictation, and association with privilege both political and monetary," and the left, the position of "the flaming reformer, the zealot in causes for the underdog who would smash privelege to protect the poor."

Harold E. Thayer, CCF provincial secretary, challenged the Social Credit party to make election campaign contributions public. He said the CCF has "opened its books" and shows a total of $10,381 raised to Aug. 10.

Mr. Bennett said the CCF was "trying to make virtue out of the fact no one would support it." He agreed, however, that campaign funds should be public. He said this requires federal legislation, since a provincial law would not have jurisdiction over funds from out of the province.

Closer Check Urged at Mine Where 3 Died

More Safety Gear Recommended

INVERMERE (CP) — A coroner's jury has recommended more adequate supervision of operations at the Mineral King mine to prevent repetition of an accident last weekend that claimed the lives of three miners.

The jury found Thursday that Ippazio Serracizza, 26, an unmarried Italian immigrant, was killed by a blow to the head from falling rock. His body was found last Saturday, shortly after iron safety bars on which he and two others were standing collapsed and tumbled all three into a shaft along with tons of rock and mud.

Leslie Rogers, 52-year-old shift boss, and Anton Ornatowiw, 38, died of exposure and shock caused by injuries suffered when they were buried by fallen rock.

The bodies of Rogers and Ornatowiz were recovered from under tons of rock early Monday, after a continuous 42-hour search.

The jury recommended that proper safety equipment be provided at the mine, a zinc, lead and silver producer 25 miles west of Invermere, and that there be adequate supervision of its use.

CATNAP FOR TWO—It was a big day for Michael Hollingsworth, 5, of London, Ont., and his kitten Chubby but the pet show judges were so long arriving and the weather was sultry. Picking a shady spot near the water fountain the two whiled away the time in daydreams. (CP Photo).

Stevenson Choice Of U.S. Democrats

By GEORGE KITCHEN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

CHICAGO (CP)—The Democrats, confident and ready to challenge the Republicans for the White House with Adlai E. Stevenson as their presidential nominee, prepared today to select a vice-presidential candidate to complete their ticket for the Nov. 6 United States election.

Stevenson surged to a clear-cut first-ballot nomination victory Thursday night and promptly broke with old-line political tradition by telling the Democratic national convention that it, and not he, would make the decision on the vice-presidential candidacy.

The 56-year-old former governor of Illinois, with a shrewd piece of political generalship, thus challenged the Republicans to open up their vice-presidential nomination when they meet in San Francisco beginning next week.

IMPRESSIVE WIN

Stevenson piled up an impressive total of 905½ delegate votes on the first ballot to crush decisively the presidential aspirations of Governor Averell Harriman of New York, his only formidable opponent.

Harriman drew 210 ballots. The remaining 250½ were scattered among a group of southern "favorite son" candidates.

Leading the group of a dozen or so of possible vice-presidential timber is Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, a presidential hope who withdrew from the race for the party nomination a month ago and threw his support behind Stevenson in what many took as a bid for the second place on the Democratic ticket.

Also high on the list are Senator Hubert Humphrey of Wisconsin, who has been actively campaigning for the vice-presidential nomination throughout the convention, and Senator John Kennedy of Massachusetts, 39-year-old Roman Catholic who was selected to nominate Stevenson for the presidential slot.

WEATHER

Cloudy and cool. Occasional showers Saturday. Winds southeast 30 in exposed waters today decreasing to south 20 Saturday. Low tonight and high Saturday at Sandspit and Prince Rupert 51 and 62.

Eisenhower, Nixon Seen Sole Choice

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Richard Nixon, vice-president of the United States, was due to arrive today at Republican national convention headquarters in the midst of continued predictions that he will be renominated by acclamation next week.

To Adlai Stevenson's dramatic gesture in Chicago Thursday night of throwing the Democratic choice of a vice-presidential candidate open to the convention there, Republican chairman Leonard Hall said only:

"It doesn't make any difference. . . . They aren't in a situation such as we are where we have such a splendid team in Washington who have the record to prove they deserve to be renominated again."

The convention opens Monday. Nomination of both presidential and vice-presidential candidates is scheduled for Wednesday.

High Republican figures have predicted — again and again — that Nixon as well as President Eisenhower will be renominated on first ballots.

PREDICTS FIRST BALLOT

Harold E. Stassen, promoting Massachusetts' Governor Christian Herter to replace Nixon had the rug pulled from under him again Thursday. Herter said that if his name were placed in nomination he would ask the presiding officer to withdraw it. He is committed to nominating Nixon.

Hall told a pre-convention dinner:

"It will be President Eisenhower and Dick Nixon on the first ballot, and I think the people will give them a Republican House and Senate to carry out the program." But he conceded that other names than Nixon's might be offered.

The vice-presidential issue is regarded as the key one at the Republican convention, since Eisenhower is not opposed for renomination.

Pair Arrested

WASHINGTON (AP) —The FBI today arrested two ex-convicts in connection with the acid-blinding of labor columnist Victor Riesel. The FBI said the actual acid-thrower is dead. The two men are being held temporarily at least on a charge of attempting to obstruct justice.

Britain Awaits Outcome Of Unexpected Armistice

NICOSIA (AP)—The Cyprus Supreme Court today commuted the death sentence of an 18-year-old Greek Cypriot youth, Chrysostomos Panayi, to life imprisonment. He had been convicted of throwing a bomb at a military police barracks.

The court said there was doubt whether Panayi actually threw the bomb or only aided in the attack.

It was the first of 10 death sentences imposed on Cypriot extremists to be commuted. Five already have been hanged and four others under death sentence are awaiting the outcome of appeals.

HOPEFUL WAITING

British authorities, meanwhile began a period of hopeful waiting to see whether Cypriot extremists fulfill their suddenly announced halt in violence on this strategic Mediterranean island.

Leaflets circulated by rebels Thursday night proclaimed a "suspension of operations" of the underground's campaign of violence over the issue of union with Greece.

NEGOTIATIONS POSSIBLE

Many observers here feel the a cease-fire—if genuine—could provide a face-saving opportunity for new negotiations toward a Cyprus settlement. Such a situation might allow the return of Archbishop Makarios, spiritual leader of the Greek Cypriots, from exile.

Approval Given Gas Line Link

PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — B.C. Public Utilities Commission has instructed Inland Natural Gas Co. to proceed with plans to build a pipeline from the B.C. Power Commission plant at Prince George to connect with the Westcoast Transmission line at Pineview, a few miles east of here.

Inland will supply gas to the Prince George Gas Co. as well as for local distribution.

The instructions to proceed follow hearings in Vancouver to clear up differences between Inland and Prince George Gas over the right to build the connecting stub line.

Hotelman W.H. Murray Unanimous SC Choice

W. H. (Bill) Murray, 39, hotel owner and sportsman was unanimously chosen as the Social Credit candidate for the September 19 provincial election at a nomination meeting of constituency Socreds at the Civic Centre last night.

Mr. Murray, an unsuccessful candidate in the 1953 election, said he will contest the seat on the government's record during the past four years.

The Social Credit candidate is vice-president of the Prince Rupert Constituency of the B.C. Social Credit League. His campaign manager is salesman, sports promoter Arthur Murray.

"We feel that if the people of British Columbia are satisfied with the record of the government in its last four sessions, they will endorse those policies again," the Socred standard-bearer said today.

Other members of the campaign committee are James Auld, Mrs. W. D. McAra, Mrs. E. W. Becker, Harry Turlisky of Queen Charlotte City, Mrs. James Auld and other members of the constituency executive. A ways and means committee was also set up composed of W. H. Murray, D. L. Jensen, G. E. Carlson, O. Stapowich and R. S. Woods.

OCEAN-CROSSING RAFT REPORTED 200 MILES OFF FRENCH COAST

BREST, France (Reuters)—Coast guards here today reported that the raft l'Egare II, which set out from Halifax May 24 to drift across the Atlantic, is some 200 miles west of here.

A signal from the raft which started with four men on board was relayed by a French trawler Thursday to coast guards. It said "all well on board." The raft's position was given as 48.08 degrees north, 101.15 west.

The French Navy ministry, which has been watching the course of the raft, said it assumes three men are still on board. A fourth was removed soon after the drift started, but since then there have been no radio reports of anyone else being taken off.

Bargaining Expected Today at Canal Meet

LONDON (AP) — Off to a swift and outwardly friendly start the Suez Canal conference moved today into the bargaining stage.

Today's session was expected to bring counter-proposals from Russia and India to a Western plan for an international board to run the canal.

An indication of the Soviet stand was seen in a Moscow Radio broadcast which declared that the conference delegates can make headway if they start making arrangements for an international conference."

Russia has supported Egypt's nationalization of the Suez Canal Company and demanded a much-expanded conference to include all Arab states and Communist countries.

The 22-country London parley "can of course be of definite value," Moscow Radio said, but only if it led to a "truly international conference or some other international procedure to examine the matter of free navigation on the Suez Canal."

The Western proposals, presented at Thursday's opening session, would make Egypt a member of an international canal board and link the agency to the United Nations.

Egypt refused to attend the conference called by Britain, France and the United States after President Nasser announced July 26 that his government was nationalizing the canal company, operators of the 103-mile waterway. But a Nasser emissary, Wing Cmdr. Ali Sabry, flew here from Cairo to be on the conference scene.

Sabry told reporters Egypt insists on her "sole right of control for the canal and its economy," but "may be some good could come from the London talks."

Socred "Bonus" To Be Tax Free

VANCOUVER (CP) — The $28 homeowners "bonus" proposal of Premier Bennett will not be subject to income tax, a federal income tax department spokesman said here Thursday.

"As far as we are concerned," the spokesman said, "it would be a subsidy and wouldn't concern the homeowner at all. Someone already paid it in the way of taxation."

Municipal officials will send the homeowner his regular tax notice, but it will show $28 as paid.

Municipalities will bill the provincial treasury.

Youth Fined $75 For Failure To Keep Promise

A failure to uphold a promise to keep the peace brought a total of $75 in fines, costs, or in default of payment jail sentences totalling one and a half months to a Prince Rupert youth in police court this morning.

Pleading guilty before Magistrate W. D. Vance was Frederick Bagshaw, 20.

The penalty broke down into fines of $50 for failure to keep the peace, as promised by the accused in court January 21, $15 for possession of liquor while being under the age of 21, and $10 for being intoxicated in a public place.

ANOTHER FIRST FOR BELL CAMP

Cliff Lumsden Beats Strait From Canadian Side

By AL MARKLE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

VICTORIA (CP)—Toronto's powerful Cliff Lumsden today became the first person ever to swim mighty Juan de Fuca Strait from Canada to the United States.

Lumsden covered the 18.3 miles from Victoria to Green Point, five miles east of Port Angeles, Wash., in 11 hours and 35 minutes. It was his first try.

Lumsden's attack on the strait came with little prior notice. Apparently the almost perfect weather conditions which prevailed brought a sudden decision to make the effort.

The strait had been beaten only once before—from the other direction—by Bert Thomas of Tacoma, Wash., who finished on July 8, 1955, in 11 hours and 17 minutes.

NEVER IN TROUBLE

Lumsden, five times winner of the Canadian National Exhibition's Lake Ontario swim and winner of the 26-mile Atlantic City marathon this year, was never in trouble during the swim which began at Horseshoe Bay at 2 p.m. Thursday.

Weather and water conditions were ideal and the water, which warmed to 55 degrees for a while, stayed a flat calm the full time.

There was no wind to speak of and Lumsden made the crossing in a direct line.

Lumsden, like Marilyn Bell who failed last week in her first bid to swim the strait, is a protege of Gus Ryder, coach at Toronto's Lakeshore Swimming Club.

Lumsden started his swim, the 64th attempt on the strait, with a racing 60-64 stroke and within a half-hour covered almost a mile.

An hour later he had doubled the distance and was still holding the 60-stroke pace and leaving a frothy wake through the still water.

UP TO 64

He stopped briefly for a feeding at the two-mile mark.

Navigator Capt. Ellice Cavin, who plotted Marilyn Bell's course last week, said Lumsden was right on schedule.

Two hours after the start, Ryder flashed Lumsden a sign which said "Flat water—take it."

Lumsden grinned and stepped his stroke to 64 without any apparent effort.

CLIFF LUMSDEN
. . . never in trouble

The three-hour mark saw him about 6¾ miles out, cutting easily through the 53-degree water. Ryder had ordered his stroke down to 58 by this time.

Two-and-one-half hours later Lumsden was still stroking 58 and showed no signs of weakening. He splashed over the international boundary at 6:40 p.m.

Another sign held up in the coaching boat shortly after that said: "Buildings in sight."

PACED BY MARILYN

Lumsden looked at the buildings, smiled at Ryder and stroked ahead.

Miss Bell, for whom Lumsden acted as a pacer last week, returned the favor. She was in and out of the water several times from 11:30 p.m. on.

Lumsden was only about three miles from the Washington shore when fatigue appeared to set in. His stroke slowed to about 54 and became ragged.

A favorable tide came along as predicted and by midnight Lumsden was swimming well again.

Tension mounted as he moved steadily closer to shore. Port Angeles residents were travelling to the landing point and boats were rushing out in the darkness to escort the sturdy swimmer.

His progress from one mile out became steadily faster, building up to a sprint pace at 1,000 yards from shore. He aimed for a large bonfire started by swim officials who had gone on ahead.

FULL POWER AT END

Spotlights from boats and cars on shore played over the dark water and lighted a path.

From the 300-yard mark Lumsden turned on all the power he had.

He waded to thigh-deep water on the rocky beach, waved to the crowd and then turned and swam 30-feet to the coaching boat.

Jack Todd, assistant to Ryder, was working on Lumsden with towels almost before he was in the boat.

Less than 10 minutes after he had touched shore he was in a warm bath on the Island Challenger, navigating vessel, heading at full steam back to Victoria and thousands of citizens who lined the dock to welcome him.