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Murray Extols Socred Virtues

Campaign Manager Scores Critics In Pinch-Hitting For Williston

A suggestion that if there were any charges of wrong-doing pending against former lands minister Robert Sommers that they will be laid by the RCMP, was made last night at a Social Credit meeting at which no candidates were present.

Speaking to a crowd of nearly 700 people, in an impassioned defence of the Social Credit government and a vitrolic attack on its critics, Arthur Murray, campaign manager for William H. Murray, Socred candidate in the Prince Rupert electoral district said it was his belief that Mr. Sommers had possibly made a mistake.

Mr. Murray said it was also possible that Attorney-General Robert Bonner knew about it and had been slow about ordering an inquiry by the RCMP.

"But I don't know. Maybe Mr. Bonner is a slow attorney-general," Mr. Murray said.

"But I do know that if there are to be any charges laid against Mr. Sommers, the RCMP will lay them. The RCMP will not take orders from the Social Credit government," he said adding that:

"If it hadn't been for the Sturdy-Sommers case, the Liberals wouldn't have had anything to talk about in this election campaign."

Mr. Murray was left holding the bag, when his own candidate, due to illness and unable to get into the campaign sooner, had to leave for the Queen Charlotte Islands. The meeting first scheduled at the Legion auditorium as a Social Credit meeting for Education Minister Ray Williston, was changed to accommodate a Junior Chamber of Commerce open forum at which all three candidates were to speak.

Mr. Murray said the Junior Chamber had cancelled the meeting due to the fact that both Liberal candidate Bruce Brown and CCF candidate Mayor George Hills were also campaigning on the Islands. Both men had been invited to the meeting but neither turned up. Education Minister Williston was fogged in at Kitimat and also unable to attend.

For an hour and a half Mr. Murray both entertained the Social Credit supporters at the meeting and aggravated the Liberal and CCF supporters present. He offered to answer all questions, defend his government of any charge. He kept his word. Those he couldn't he either said so or laughed his questioners out of their belligerence.

Anger Directed at Papers

His only real anger was directed at the press and he unlashed a vicious attack on both The Daily News as a "penny-headed local paper" and the other British Columbia newspapers that have criticized the Social Credit government for suggesting that the "government be defeated over one man."

He accused the press of ruining lives and families over the ex-police chief Walter Mulligan case and said they were doing the same over the Sommers-Sturdy case.

"Eighty thousand dollars was spent on the Mulligan case and nothing came out of it except three or four families were ruined, one man shot himself and another was maimed. Newspapers made banner headlines every day because newspapers are out to make sales," Mr. Murray shouted.

He said that whatever the result of the Sommers case it was not enough to sacrifice the whole province for.

All the opposition could "rant about" Mr. Murray said was the Stewart-Cassiar 'fiasco' and the Sturdy-Sommers case.

He said he had nicknamed the Liberal candidate "Fiasco Brown."

The Social Credit government, he said, had done more for this province than any other government and had done what other governments couldn't do.

The opposition had fought against the 10 per cent tax on mining and logging industry claiming that it was hitting at the small operators, he said.

"There are twice as many small operators as there were."

He said CCF candidate Mayor Hills was a confused man, that the new Winnipeg declaration of CCF policies had "cut the feet from under him." He said that Mayor Hills would be embarassed by his association with his campaign manager Angus Macphee because Mr. Macphee would never accept the present manifesto.

"Not so long ago Mr. Macphee, in bargaining for the firemen accused the mayor and council of being anti-labor. Now Mr. Macphee is working for the mayor, who is wandering about in a daze."

"Mr. Hills is a good friend of mine," the speaker said, "and I will admit that he never used his mayoralty for political purposes."

Opposition Hunting Votes

Both Mr. Brown and Mayor Hills had spent so long on the Queen Charlottes this time "Because they were hunting around for votes that aren't there any more.

"Naturally we expect to conclude our campaign there in about three days."

He denied that the sudden government interest in the Port Edward-Cassiar cannery road and the Masset-Port Clements was due to the election.

"On his recent trip up here Highways Minister Gaglardi saw that insufficient progress was being made on the Port Clements road, and has sent equipment to speed the job."

Mr. Murray said that after a survey the highways minister had decided not to put through the Skeena cannery road because of its cost, but later, "within an hour after pressure from a group of businessmen, school board and cannery officials, a good percentage of whom were Liberals, he said he would make a start on the road."

"As soon as he heard there were children up there, unable to get to school, he decided the road was needed," Mr. Murray said.

He said Social Credit campaign funds came from people like himself and from cabinet ministers who were dedicated to put so much a year in campaign funds.

In defence of Social Credit debt reduction figures, Mr. Murray said that if the government system of keeping books was commended by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants it should be good enough for anyone.

He again attacked the newspapers for castigating the government. "The people are all wrong . . . the newspapers always right," he said, adding that the anti-Socred campaign "had been going on in Alberta for 30 years."

As proof that the Social Credit government wanted labor votes and had got them he said that the Bralorne and Pioneer mine votes in the Lillooet by-election showed that Social Credit was wanted when they voted in prominent labor men."

"We hit big business hard," he said, "don't forget the government has to live with you the people."

As a final gesture Mr. Murray asked Robert McKay sr., to take the collection. Donald Jensen was chairman for the meeting.

WEATHER

Mostly sunny today and Sunday with a few fog patches in the early morning. Little change in temperature. Winds light, occasionally reaching northwest 15 in exposed areas. The low tonight and high Sunday at Port Hardy, 50 and 60, Sandspit, 52 and 65, Prince Rupert, 48 and 62.

MAYOR FRED HUME (right) of Vancouver puts his arm around the Russian fisheries minister, Alexander Ishkov, during the latter's visit to Vancouver. The party of Russians have travelled across Canada making a study of fishing operations. Mr. Ishkov said in Vancouver he hoped his visit will lead to more frequent meetings between Canadian and Soviet authorities. Thursday Mr. Ishkov presented Mayor Hume with a set of six sterling silver vodka glasses lavishly enamelled by Russian craftsmen. The set is similar to that given Mayor George E. Hills of Prince Rupert when the Russian fisheries minister was here Tuesday.

Naval Inquiry Scheduled After Ships Hit in Fog

VANCOUVER (CP) — A Canadian naval inquiry has been ordered into the collision late Friday of the new minesweeper HMCS Comox and the 10,000-ton Japanese freighter Yamazono Maru in fog-shrouded Vancouver harbor.

The Comox, accompanied by the two other Pacific coast flee. minesweepers, James Bay and Fortune, was involved in a collision with the freighter while entering the harbor.

Sub-Lt. R. Munroe, aboard the Comox which was carrying 1 NATO journalists here from Victoria when the accident occurred, said the Yamazono Maru bow struck the port side of the minesweeper, swinging it around and striking the stern.

"I don't know how it happened," he said. "Our radar was working perfectly and we were in the given lane while entering the harbor."

Lieut. Munroe said the speed of the Comox and the freighter was "very slow due to the very heavy fog—some of the worst seen around here." The captain of the Comox, Lt.-Cmdr. Christopher Smith, was not available for comment.

The minesweepers carrying four officers and 25 men, were built two years ago. They are constructed of mahogany and aluminum.

"So you can see why we sustained damage and the freighter didn't—because it was made of steel," Lieut. Munroe added.

The Yamazono Maru stopped briefly after the collision to inspect damage. It continued its outbound journey to Japan after reporting its damage was only "superficial."

The three minesweepers were scheduled to leave today for their base in Esquimalt. A naval official said the damage to the Comox was "only slight."

The heavy fog rolled in early Friday and numerous small ships were reported aground or side-swiping each other while entering or leaving the harbor. By midnight, the fog had lifted somewhat, although a number of small boats were asking assistance.

Earlier Friday, the Princess of Nanaimo, CPR ferry, and the Blackball ferry Kahloke collided in the harbor. The Kahloke was coming into drydock for repairs after ramming a dock at upcoast Horseshoe Bay. Neither was believed heavily damaged.

The B. C. Standard, a 160-foot fuel-laden oil tanker, was pulled off the rocks near the First Narrows entrance after going aground in the heavy fog.

Election Not Shortest On Record

VICTORIA (CP) — The British Columbia election campaign is the shortest held in the province since 1912.

When Premier Bennett announced August 13 that voting would take place September 19 he allowed the legal minimum of 38 days from naming of the ballot date to the election.

The election act was amended by the Social Credit government in 1953 to cut 25 days off the previous legal minimum campaign period of 63 days.

The minimum has changed frequently. The 1912 campaign lasted only 31 days. The shortest one on record was that of 1875 which was all over in 12 days.

Crew Change For Pulp Ship To Be Probed

VANCOUVER (CP)—A Canadian crew may be put aboard the liquid pulp carrier SS Duncan Bay to rpelace the "cosmopolitan" crew on the Liberian-registered ship as a result of protests by the Seafarers' International Union, it was reported Friday.

The SIU objected to having a foreign crew on a ship engaged in coastwise trade. The Duncan Bay is just starting service between Campbell River, B. C., and Antioch, Calif., under contract to Crown Zellerback Corp.

An official who declined use of his name said discussions were scheduled this weekend to decide the crew question.

Park Penguin Dies Thursday

VANCOUVER —The only penguin ever born in captivity in Canada died Thursday night at the Stanley Park Zoo. It was learned Friday.

The penguin, hatched in the zoo August 1, was only the second ever born in captivity in North America.

Curator Alan Best said a blood poisoning called septicemia was believed responsible for the penguin's death.

"It might have been a perforation of the intestine by a fishbone," Mr. Best said.

Eating Sandwich In Traffic Brings $10 Fine

NANAIMO (CP)— Robert George Harriott, whose double-parked car held up traffic for more than two blocks while he ate a sandwich in a downtown restaurant, was fined $10 and costs.

The magistrate said that in future fines for the offence would be $25.

Youth Killed At Cassiar By Kitimat-Bound Train

Mishap 3rd in Year In Same Locality

A 19-year-old youth was killed instantly yesterday when he was struck by an eastbound Canadian National Railway train at Cassiar Cannery, seven miles southeast of Port Edward, RCMP in Prince Rupert said this morning.

Dead is **Theodore Munroe**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Munroe, Cassiar Cannery.

Police in Prince Rupert said they believed the youth was lying between the tracks. He was struck by the passenger-freight train bound for Kitimat at about 8:45 a.m. yesterday.

His body was brought to Port Edward by RCMP by speeder.

An inquest into the death has been set for Monday at 2 p.m. at Ferguson Funeral Home by Coroner George J. Dawes.

It is the third such death near Cassiar in just over a year, and the second within a month.

Peter Nisyok, 15 was killed on the tracks August 19 and a 20-month-old child, Marilyn Gosnell was killed near Cassiar in August last year.

Two other deaths in widely separated areas of the coast were reported by RCMP here this morning.

John Struthers, about 73, was found dead in a bunkhouse at Kitimat. His death is believed to be from natural causes, police said.

Chris Carahalios, 64 was found dead Wednesday aboard his boat in Return channel, 30 miles west of Ocean Falls. An inquest was held by Coroner W. C. Proby of Ocean Falls, yesterday, but the results were not known here yet.

Western Proposal Said "War"

Nasser Rejects Big Three Bid

CAIRO (AP) — President Nasser rejected today the western Big Three's proposal for an association of Suez Canal users as "a declaration of war."

Nasser said "the aim of such a proposal is not peace but war and aggression against the smal countries."

Speaking publicly for the first time since the proposal was announced in London by Prim Minister Eden, Nasser told an audience of Egyptian air force cadets that the United States attitude to the new proposal is "puzzling."

Nasser said President Eisenhower advocated a peaceful solution while the state department favored international control of the canal.

American support of the users association, he said, "means they will help Britain provoke the Egyptian people into a clash with Britain."

WEST RUSHES PLANS

At London, the Western Big Three rushed plans today to get its Suez Canal users' association functioning within a fortnight—convinced that the Egyptian-run canal will be in a major snarl by that time.

Ship owners and government officials watched intently as President Nasser's Egyptian regime took over guiding ships through the nationalized waterway, replacing Western pilots and technicians who walked out Friday night.

The expect the canal operation to be in chaos soon, with more than 100 ships queued up at each end, unable to get through despite the arrival of an unstated number of Soviet ship pilots to help the Egyptians. The snarl would give the American-British-French sponsored users' association an opportunity to take over.

FOREIGN SECRETARY SELWYN LLOYD (above) of Britain, met today with foreign minister Christian Pineau of France and United States ambassador Douglas Dillon to discuss arrangements for next Wednesday's London-Suez conference. All declined comment. Foreign ministers from the seven-power Western European Union were to meet later to discuss the effect of possible reduction in British and American troops in Europe. (CP Photo).

Ban on Fishing Beyond Limit Seen Next Year

VANCOUVER (CP)— Canadian salmon fishermen will be allowed weedend fishing outside the three-mile limit off Vancouver island for the rest of this season because Americans are doing so, but there may be a bar for boats of both nations next season, the fisheries department said Friday.

A. J. Whitmore, chief supervisor of fisheries, said that "salmon net fishing by the Canadian fleet will be permitted west of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line and outside the three-mile limit of Canadian shores off the west coast of Vancouver Island throughout the coming weekend and for succeeding weekends until further notice.

"Boats will be permitted to bring their catches into Port Renfrew during the weekend.

"This arrangement has regard to the fact that salmon net fishing by United States boats is being carried on during weekends in the high seas area in and adjoining this locality and it is designed to give the Canadian fleet comparable fishing opportunity for the balance of the season.

"However, the Canadian authorities are opposed to such high seas fishing for salmon and it is expected that formal action will be taken by United States and Canadian governments to prohibit such fishing next season."

Prospectors Rush to Atlin As High-Grade Nickel Found

Prospectors by the hundreds are flocking to the northwest corner of British Columbia today following the discovery of high grade nickel at Opal Lake approximately 85 miles southeast of Atlin, it was reported here this morning.

G. Douglas Frizzell, Liberal candidate for the Atlin riding in the September 19 provincial election said this morning on his return from the area that helicopters by the dozen were to be seen throughout as prospectors rush in. About 30 lineal miles have been staked along the main ore body which runs about 15 per cent nickel ore.

The main strike was made by Sigmund Muldahl, of North Vancouver who has prospected the area for the past two years after recognizing the possibility of large quantities of nickel sulphide there three years ago.

The strike has been identified as millerite by geologists who label the find one of the greatest mineral finds in Canada's history.

Among top mining companies which have staked claims are Moneta Porcupine Mining Co., British-Yukon Exploration Co. and Con-West Mining Co.

Opal Lake is on a tributary of the Nahlin river which flows into the Inklin river, a tributary of the Taku river.

KIEL, Germany (Reuters) — The 8,000-ton Soviet tanker Koryb rammed into the bank of the Kiel Canal Friday night and traffic was blocked for a short time until the tanker was pulled free by tugs.

Sitdown Strike In Fourth Day

VICTORIA (CP)—Mrs. Bea Zucco, 34, of Vancouver, Friday entered her fourth day as a one-woman sitdown striker on the steps of the legislative buildings here.

She is protesting because the Workmen's Compensation board will not grant her husband a silicosis pension.

She claims her husband is eligible for a WCB pension on grounds he contracted silicosis as a miner, but says he has been refused the pension because he later got tuberculosis, and TB scar tissue hides X-ray evidence.

POSSIBLE SUEZ MEDIATOR

NEW DELHI (AP)—India, anxious about the Suez crisis, today decided to dispatch diplomatic trouble shooter V. K. Krishna Menon to Cairo and made preparations to send him to London afterward.

A government spokesman said Menon is flying to Cairo Sunday for talks with President Nasser of Egypt.

Nasser was authoritatively reported to have sent Prime Minister Nehru "a very important" message Friday.

Jurors Urge Additional Supervision

VICTORIA (CP) — Increased supervision of men doing hazardous jobs and more intensive inspection service by Workmen's Compensation Board on construction projects was recommended Friday by a coroner's jury.

Accidental death was the verdict in an inquest into the rock-slide deaths of Gerald Kennedy, 18, and Roy White, 29, who died Wednesday in Malahat Highway construction accident.

North Cruise For Shriners Begins Sunday

VANCOUVER—More than 200 members and wives of the Al Malaikah Temple, Los Angeles, Calif., board Canadian National Steamships "SS Prince George" Sunday night for a nine-day cruise to Alaska.

It will be the final voyage of the summer and the CNSS vessel will be booked to capacity.

The Shriners and their wives, headed by Potentate C. Stanly Chapman, will be greeted on board by Walter S. Hudson, Potentate of the Giza Temple, Vancouver, and Irvin Miller Chief Rabban.

Nearly 240 Miles Of Pipe Laid

VANCOUVER (CP)—Nearly 240 miles of pipe have been laid for the 800-mile Westcoast Transmission Co. natural gas pipeline from the Peace River country to southwestern British Columbia, the firm announced Thursday.

The project is scheduled for completion next year.

2,000 Jam Georgia Auditorium To Cheer, Jeer B.C. Premier

By Canadian Press Staff Writer

VANCOUVER (CP) — Premier Bennett came to Vancouver Friday night and replied to charges thrown his way during British Columbia's election campaign.

More than 2,000 people filled the Georgia Auditorium to hear the premier, who in a campaign marked by acrimony has been the target of more attacks than any other candidate in the election to be held Sept. 19.

There was a band which played "Hail, Hail the Gang's All Here." In the lobby were piled stacks of a 24-page supplement on B. C. published by the New York Herald Tribune and featuring the province's economic growth. Each person as he arrived was given a copy.

Automobile bumper pennants also were distributed, and many of those present wore "Bennett for Premier" buttons.

The 56-year-old premier, a big man with grey hair and a smiling face, was in continual conflict with groups of hecklers seated at the two ends of the balcony. He has had to contend with hecklers at most of his campaign meetings.

REPLIES TO HECKLERS

He replied to many of the taunts breaking into a grin as his supporters applauded a Bennett quip.

He devoted part of his two-hour address to an attack on the Vancouver Sun, which carried a lengthy front-page editorial Thursday criticizing the government record.

The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants put out a statement earlier this year in Toronto praising the B. C. government's public accounts. The premier said The Sun wired the institute trying unsuccessfully to get the institute to refute the statement.

"Ever since, the Vancouver Sun has tried to smear this government and its record of debt reduction," he added.

WON'T CHANGE PLAN

At another point, he said one reason The Sun opposes him is that Social Credit will not change its plan to pay each home owner $28 against assessment taxes instead of giving the money to municipalities.

The newspaper, he claimed, would get "hundreds and hundreds of dollars" through a lower mill rate if the money were paid to municipalities. Under the present scheme "it will not get a cent."

He asked The Sun to give him a chance to reply to the editorial.

The premier flung back at the opposition charges that Social Credit has befriended big business. If the money to be granted homeowners were given instead at municipalities, "the industrialist and big businessmen would get the benefit because the mill rate would be lower."