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Go-Ahead Given Studies On Dam At Provincial, Federal Parley

Mica Creek Project Major Talks Topic

VICTORIA (CP) — An indirect go-ahead has been given for preliminary studies aimed at building a gigantic hydro project on the Columbia River in eastern British Columbia.

Top federal and provincial authorities, meeting in closed session here Wednesday, agreed not to postpone engineering studies until negotiations are completed with the United States concerning international river rights.

The three-hour talks between groups headed by Premier W. A. C. Bennett and federal Resources Minister Lesage concentrated on the Mica Creek dam project, a \$247,000,000 colossus that would provide B.C. with 1,250,000 horse-power.

Engineering reports probably would be some two years in the making.

They agreed the 700-foot-high dam—larger than Washington State's Grand Coulee—currently the world's largest—is a must for any major power development on the upper Columbia River.

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BRIGADIER A. E. WRINCH, CBE, CD, (right), Commander, 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade with headquarters in Edmonton, discusses with Brigadier Major D. A. McAlpine details of a tactical move he is planning for his Brigade headquarters through Camp Wainwright's training areas.

Troller's Stern Damaged In Brush With Freighter

FORT ALBERNI, B.C. (CP) — The 42-foot fish-boat B.C. Troller arrived here late Wednesday under her own power, her stern damaged in a brush with the 7,500-ton New Zealand freighter, Waitemata.

Disclosure that it was the Waitemata which collided with the troller cleared up a mystery which began just after midnight Tuesday in the waters off Cape Beale, B.C., on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Air-sea rescue officials of the RCMP said the New Zealand freighter, southbound for San Francisco, reported during the day that "she struck something in the area."

"The B.C. Troller arrived here

Penguin Egg Scrambled In Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP) — One of three penguin eggs in the process of incubation at the Stanley Park Zoo has been scrambled.

Alan Best, curator, said Wednesday the egg laid June 24 was found smashed Monday night. He couldn't tell whether it was fertile.

"It could have resulted from over-enthusiasm as the penguin changed the egg from one to the other," he said. "I think it was the last-laid egg but there has been so much juggling I don't know who's on what."

None of the other bank employees witnessed the holdup. Manager W. A. Kerr had just left for lunch and two other cashiers were in the back of the building.

Police Seek Suspect In Holdup

Girl Recognizes Face in Records

VANCOUVER (CP) — Police issued a general pickup order Wednesday for a known criminal suspected of robbing a Vancouver branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia of \$1,600.

Cashier Vicki Becker told police a man she saw pictured in their files "greatly resembled" the bandit who held her up at the bank's Broadway branch around 1 p.m. Wednesday.

"The pickup order was issued.

The 21-year-old relief cashier said she had just come on duty and was alone in the front of the bank when the man walked in demanding "all the money you've got in the till."

She said she laughed at first, but then he moved his hand and she saw the gun on the counter.

She recounted that she gave him some money, trying to keep back half the \$20 bills in her drawer, but he suspected what she was doing and demanded it all.



THE 60-FOOT YAWL, ADIOS, from Seattle sails for home into a 20-knot breeze to win the 200-mile Swifsure race off the British Columbia coast. This striking study of sunshine on choppy Pacific water is by photographer Villy Svare of the Vancouver Province. (CP Photo)

July 4 Toll In U.S. Near Estimated 130

CHICAGO (CP) — The count of traffic deaths in the United States during the Fourth of July holiday today moved toward the pre-holiday estimate of 130.

With final figures not compiled, the traffic toll for the 30-hour period starting 6 p.m. local time Tuesday and ending at midnight Wednesday, was 125. In other violent deaths, 69 drownings were reported and 24 persons lost their lives in miscellaneous accidents, for an overall total of 228.

A normal traffic toll for Wednesday in early July is 80. The National Safety Council, which before the holiday had said 130 persons might be killed in automobile accidents, said indications were the final toll may approach 150.

RUPERT BOYS COME TO AID OF KETCHIKAN SOAP BOXERS

Four Prince Rupert soap box racers came to the aid of their American counterparts Saturday when they shipped four sets of wheels up to Ketchikan so that four entrants in the soap box derby there could compete in Independence day races.

An SOS was sent out from Ketchikan late last week after it was found that four boys who had built their soap box racers weren't going to be able to get the prescribed wheels in time. The correct wheels were on the way, but they would not arrive in time for July 4. Prince Rupert Kinsmen club was told here. The Kinsmen got in touch with the Trades and Labor Council soap box derby officials, who had staged races here last year and four city boys were found who still had their racers.

The four boys, Sid Dickens, Allan Majore, Billy Pedersen and Ray McIntyre, de-wheeled their own cars and the four sets of wheels were flown up to Ketchikan, by Ellis Air Lines Saturday, to be in time for yesterday's races.

Total of 32,000,000 Pounds of Halibut Landed to June 30

A total of more than 32,000,000 pounds of halibut has been landed at northern British Columbia ports up to June 30, E. V. Whiting of the International Fisheries Commission office here announced this morning. Of the total 20,987,000 pounds came from Area 2, while Area 3A yielded 5,531,000 pounds.

U. S. boats landed a total of 14,709,000 pounds from Area 2, with Canadian boats chalking up a total of 12,278,000 pounds. From Area 3A U. S. boats landed 4,294,000 pounds, and the Canadian share of the catch here was 1,237,000 pounds.

Two boats sold a total of 135,000 pounds on the Prince Rupert Halibut Exchange this morning. Prices per pound for medium, large and chleken are in brackets, as follows:

Lindy (U. S.)—68,000 (24.9, 20, 14) to B. C. Packers.

Western Monarch—65,000 (25.1, 20, 14) Atlin Fisheries.

More than 400 boats fishing sockeye in the Naus River have been landing an average of 2 1/2 fish per boat, and averages in the Smith's Inlet area are running as high as 55 per boat. Fishing in the Rivers Inlet section is said to be "about the same—quite good" by Fisheries department officials.

Dog Attacks Young Boy

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP) — A police dog attacked three-year-old Patrick O'Brien Monday and the lad required 13 stitches.

Pat and another boy were playing in the yard of the dog's young master, Ralph Sather, and evidently teased the animal. It knocked Pat down and bit him on the head and face.

The German police dog was placed in the hands of the poundkeeper for observation. It had already received a rabies inoculation.

TROOPS MOVED

CAIRO, Egypt (CP) — Egypt's Middle East news agency said today Jordan troops were ordered at midnight to move to the frontier separating Jordan and Israel.

Board To Aid School For Retarded Children

District 52 School board Tuesday night went on record as being ready to give all the support it can under the School Act toward the establishment of a school for retarded children in Prince Rupert.

The move was made after the board of school trustees heard an appeal by J. G. Lewis, president of the Prince Rupert Retarded Children's association which hopes to affiliate with the B.C. Association for Retarded Children.

In answering Mr. Lewis' plea for financial aid, Dr. R. G. Large, chairman of the school board, said that the board "was definitely concerned in seeing that all possible is done to help the association set up its school."

A motion to extend all the financial aid possible up to the amount of \$256.47 per pupil as laid down in the School Act, was passed by the board.

"We have youngsters in this town who will never develop beyond the mental age of 12. There are others who will never develop beyond the mental age of 12.

"They have a right to an education the same as other so-called normal children," Mr. Lewis said.

In citing an example of what could be done for retarded children Mr. Lewis said that at the University of Chicago he was shown records of a child who though at the age of 12 he was only in Grade 3, he graduated with honors from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at the age of 21.

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He said that in Prince Rupert and its environs there were 13 children who needed special education. A class of 15 retarded children was considered the maximum that could be handled by one teacher.

He said that in line with recent legislation passed by the British Columbia government, the local association wished similar support to that given already-established associations in Trail, Kelowna and Vancouver.

In asking for a room at Roosevelt Park school for the retarded children's class, Mr. Lewis said he believed that more benefit was obtained for the retarded youngsters if they were integrated with normal students outside of the classroom.

"These children are going to be with us five years from now, 10 years and 15 years from now," Mr. Lewis said. "The day of hiding them from the world, in the back room or the back yard, has gone."

He said that the world was made up of teachers, doctors, lawyers and ditchdiggers and "it takes a certain amount of ditchdiggers to make the world go round."

The retarded child deserved the chance to become a good ditchdigger, if nothing else, rather than be completely useless, Mr. Lewis said.

Big Tug Firm Sold in South

VANCOUVER (CP) — Harold A. Jones, president of Vancouver Tug Boat Co. Ltd., said Wednesday his firm has purchased most of the towboat fleet and equipment of Dalmage Towing Co. Ltd., one of the largest towing companies on Canada's Pacific Coast.

The price was "just over \$1,000,000."

The sale includes 18 tugs and booming grounds and equipment at Gambier Island and Twin creeks, on Howe Sound.

Three of the Dalmage tugs, Sea Lark II, P. B. Anderson and Sea Breeze III, have been towed to Kingeome Navigation Co. Ltd., a subsidiary of Powell River Company, Ltd.

Capt. W. G. Dalmage, president of the firm which bore his name, becomes general manager of the Kingeome firm.

FIREMEN CALLED

Report of a flooded oil burner brought firemen to the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Progin, 511 7th Avenue East, at 12:55 p.m. today but the fire was found to be out when they arrived.

More Than 130 Children Attend Park Trip to Lakes

At least 130 children took advantage of the sunshine and warm weather yesterday to go to Salt Lakes park on the Parks Board playground program.

Over at the park youngsters, under the direction of supervisors Rusty Thain, Doris Payne and Mrs. Player, swam, had bonfires, collected berries and generally had a good time.

"The water was so warm that several children learned to swim over there yesterday," Miss Thain said today.

Next outing is next Wednesday when children of the parks board program will climb Mount Nays.

As they did last night, the children will have a bonfire at

Grassy Plains Man's Condition Reported Good

VANCOUVER (CP) — A 34-year-old man was in good condition in hospital here after a .22-calibre bullet lodged in his head under circumstances that are being investigated by RCMP at Grassy Plains, B. C.

Cornelius Schmidt of Grassy Plains was brought to Vancouver Saturday by plane, the bullet still in his head. Hospital authorities indicated Wednesday it has not yet been removed.

City Jaycee Resolution To Get National Action

The Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce resolution calling for the transport department to develop a better marking system for power lines and cables near landing strips, is to be considered by the national Canadian Junior Chamber of Commerce executive, the local Jaycees learned Tuesday night.

A telegram from Prince Rupert Jaycee president G. P. Woodside, who attended the national convention at Winnipeg last week, stated that a similar resolution referred to national executive for action.

The Prince Rupert resolution said that many accidents were caused by aircraft striking unmarked telephone, telegraph and power lines near emergency landing areas on lakes and rivers. Owners of such wires should be required to mark them with colored aluminum balls, placed on the wires to indicate their exact position, the resolution said.

At the convention, the motion was told, G. L. Filippelli of Trail was elected national president by acclamation.

However, Mr. Filippelli was not happy about his acclamation victory—an example, he said, of the Junior chamber's weak leadership training program.

"This is a deplorable situation," he said in an interview after being named president. He blamed the rapid expansion of Jayceesism as one reason for a

British, Cypriots Fight Blaze

NICOSIA (Reuters) — One thousand British troops fighting side by side with 3,000 Cypriots today to stamp out the island's worst forest fire. The fire already has destroyed \$1,400,000 worth of timber land in the Paphos area of west Cyprus.

The five-day blaze flared up after a sudden change of wind after it had nearly been brought under control. No casualties have been reported as a result of the fire.

"The fire was reported under control at most threatening points near the Lyndell Valley and Phtocli, 52 miles west of Nicosia, but is still raging out of control further north."

Royal Air Force rescue teams equipped with portable radio was serving as a co-ordinating centre between the forest fighting groups.

Meanwhile, Judge Bernart's show, heavily escorted by British military police, drove to Cyprus special court today to resume the trial of two alleged terrorists. Interrupted when a witness attempted to assassinate him 11 days ago.

WEATHER

Intermittent light rain today becoming continuous rain this evening. Cloudy with frequent showers Friday. Remaining cool. Winds southeast 25 this evening shifting to southwest 30 Friday morning. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy 60 and 60. Sandspit and Prince Rupert 50 and 55.

PLAN SECOND CRUISE

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. (CP) — Prince Rupert's yacht captain said Wednesday the prince and Princess Grace plan a second Mediterranean honeymoon cruise starting about Aug. 1. Following a month in Spanish waters and near the Balearic Islands they are expected to go to the United States for another vacation.

LIBRON PORTUGAL

LIBRON PORTUGAL (CP) — Patricia Hayes, 24, a pretty blonde bullfighter from San Angelo, Tex., killed her first bull in a Lisbon ring Tuesday night and was loudly applauded. A few minutes later her second bull knocked her down and she fainted.