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George Drew Resigns As Chief Of Progressive-Conservatives

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GIVING CLOSE SCRUTINY to preparation of crab meat at Nelson Brothers Fisheries Ltd., plant at Port Edward September 11, is Russian Fisheries Minister Alexander Ishkov who, with Soviet scientists and Russian embassy officials from Ottawa spent a day in Prince Rupert and district as part of their coast-to-coast tour of Canada's fishing industry. Second from left is Edward Vardumin, Mr. Ishkov's interpreter, who is listening to a Nelson Brothers' employee before he translates to the Russian minister. Behind Mr. Vardumin is a Department of Fisheries scientist who also acted as an interpreter. At rear with camera is reporter for Western Fisheries magazine.

(Photo by Van Meer Studio)

HOST AT British Columbia Packers Ltd., plant at Seal Cove is Harvie Stewart, assistant manager, left, who guided Russian Fisheries Minister Alexander Ishkov, centre, through big operation. At right in process of filletting sole, is Mrs. George Robinson, 1809 Seventh Avenue East who outlined her job to the Russian visitors. Behind Mr. Ishkov, with his eyes closed is Alexander Verevkin, deputy minister of fisheries for the Russian republic.

Airport Survey Complete

Tenders Expected By Next Spring

The federal department of Transport survey crew that has been surveying Digby Island for the establishment of an airport there is expected to complete its work Monday, it was reported today.

The head surveyors and the crew will be leaving at the beginning of next week having wound up all the necessary field work. The results of the survey will be put on the drawing board in the Department of Transport offices and along with the estimated costs, be submitted to Ottawa within two months.

It is expected that tenders for the construction of the long-sought land air field will be called in the spring of next year.

Proof of the federal government's intention to construct the airport was indicated Sept 11, at the Canadian Legion auditorium when Fisheries Minister James Sinclair was speaking at the Civic dinner given Russian Fisheries Minister Alexander Ishkov.

Mr. Sinclair in paying tribute to E. T. Applewhaite, MP Skeena, mentioned that the Prince Rupert member had long-campaigned for the "airport we are building for you on Digby Island at an estimated cost of $4,000,000."

HONORABLE GEORGE DREW
. . . gives up leadership of Tories.

Parley Seen Soon To Choose Leader

OTTAWA (CP) — Hon. George Drew, in poor health from a series of illnesses, has tendered his resignation as leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, an act he called a "heart-breaking decision."

"Under the circumstances and in fairness to our party, I feel that it should be free to call a convention at the earliest opportunity to choose a new leader," the 62-year-old Mr. Drew said in a letter written Thursday from his Toronto hospital room to the party's association president, Leon Balcer.

"It is terribly hard for me to accept the circumstances which have forced this upon me at this time."

Text of the letter was issued this morning at a press conference in Mr. Drew's office in the Parliament Buildings by Mr. Balcer and Hon. Earl Rowe, acting party leader. Mr. Rowe said he believes the desire of the party will be to call a leadership convention before the end of the year to choose a new party leader in time for the next session of Parliament and a general election expected next June. Also issued was a statement by Dr. Rex F. Farquharson who has been treating Mr. Drew in Toronto's Wellesley hospital. Dr. Farquharson said Mr. Drew has been "suffering from severe physical and nervous exhaustion" but is responding to treatment "and within a period of several weeks will regain his energy and vigor."

The doctor said that despite Mr. Drew's "excellent recovery" from an attack of meningitis in November 1954, "he did not regain his former ability to stand the heavy strain of prolonged periods of intense activity with long hours of work."

Cannot Resume Heavy Duties

"Accordingly we have advised him that, although he may look forward to years of useful and productive work with vigor and energy, he cannot resume the heavy duties of leader of the opposition without great risk of his health, particularly when it is anticipated that an arduous parliamentary session will be followed by an election."

Mr. Balcer said he will call a meeting here of the party's 70-member national executive to plan the convention and its date and place. The executive might meet by the end of next week. The party caucus of 53 Commons members and five Conservative senators also would be summoned. The caucus meeting probably would precede that of the national executive.

Mr. Drew in his letter to Mr. Balcer said "It is with the deepest regret that I am writing this letter to ask you to accept my resignation as leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada.

"I need not tell you, or any of our colleagues and members of the association, how heart-breaking it is for me to find it necessary to make this decision. However, although the doctors have assured me that in a few months I shall be restored to full health, they have also advised that it would be extremely unwise for me to take on the heavy strain of a session and an election campaign so soon after my illness."

Mr. Rowe said he had no reason to believe that Mr. Drew would not continue as the member of the Commons for the Ontario constituency of Carleton during the remainder of the present parliament. He said he could not say whether Mr. Drew will run in the next election. Mr. Rowe said that Mr. Drew reached this decision to resign last night.

Trio Hanged For Violence On Cyprus

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) —Three more Greek Cypriot rebels were hanged today as fellow prisoners shouted and sang to protest Britain's rule over this Mediterranean island colony.

A general strike by Greek Cypriot residents went into its second day as a new nationalist underground organization, OEKA, circulated leaflets saying the strike would continue three days "in tribute to three more heroes."

Fresh anti-British violence flared.

Hanged behind the walls of Nicosia's central prison shortly before 2 a.m. were Michael Koutsoftas, Andreas Panayides and Stellios Mavrommatis. Their deaths brought to eight the number of nationalist extremists hanged since Greek Cypriots 18 months ago began a campaign of violence to end British rule and join Cyprus to Greece.

CONVICTED OF KILLING

Koutsoftas and Panayides, both 22, were convicted of the slaying of a British corporal. Mavrommatis, 23, was convicted of shooting at two RAF cyclists.

In the tense hours just before the hangings, the nearly 400 other prisoners in the prison raised a deafening clamor in their cells. They shouted "long live EOKA," and sang the Greek national anthem and hymns.

EOKA is the underground organization which has been leading the campaign of violence against the British.

The strike closed the doors of Greek Cypriot ships and stores. Office, factory and construction workers stayed away from their jobs. The island's newspapers were shut down. Construction was slowed at an RAF base at Akrotiri, and at a joint headquarters for Britain's Middle East forces.

24 Sabres To Be Sold To Israel

OTTAWA (CP) — The government has approved sale of 24 Canadian Sabre jet fighter planes to Israel, Prime Minister St. Laurent announced today.

He said in a statement issued by his office here that the planes will be shipped during the next six months but that if "political circumstances" during this time should warrant, the outstanding part of the order would be cancelled or postponed.

The sale was approved by cabinet Thursday on the basis that the defensive nature of the requested shipment has been "clearly established."

The appeal of Israel for arms, to counter the arms build-up by the Arabs, has been under cabinet consideration since last spring.

Last July Prime Minister St. Laurent informed the Commons Canada would hold off sending Sabres or other arms to Israel as long as other western countries took no action to correct the military "imbalance" in the Middle East.

In August, External Affairs Minister Pearson informed the House that three or four governments, including Canada, had completed discussions on the question of sharing responsibility on the shipment of arms to the Jewish state.

Construction in Kitimat To Top $1,000,000 Mark

Special To The Daily News

KITIMAT—Construction presently underway, and also on the drawing board here is expected to top the $1,000,00 by next year.

A survey of proposed construction and that underway to be completed next year indicates that this smelter town will shatter all its previous construction records.

Road paving is near completion and installation of extension sewers to serve the new residential areas is under way.

Among the projects expected to be completed by Spring are:

A $56,000 extension to the jail of the public safety building; a $200,000 supermarket and warehouse for Kelly Douglas Co.; a $441,872 elementary school and a $400,000 Canadian Legion building. Costs of a temporary hospital designed to give better maternity, operating and emergency facilities, have not been disclosed.

Proposed for 1957 construction are: a bus terminal for Kitimat Transportation Co.; a parochial school, a convent to accommodate 12 Sisters and a new hotel. Costs for these projects have not been announced.

Operation of the new movie theatre, almost completed, is expected to start by the end of the month.

Final Standing In Election

VICTORIA (CP) — Final party standings in British Columbia is as follows:

Elected	1956	1953
SC	39	28
CCF	10	14
Lab.	1	1
Lib.	2	4
PC	0	1
TOTAL	52	48

Latest reports from Atlin riding with 13 out of 17 polls reported: Asselstine (SC) 378; Calder (CCF) 187; Frizzell (L) 81.

Bella Coola Area Closed

Department of Fisheries announced today the Bella Coola gillnet area will be closed for gillnet fishing as of 6 p.m. Sunday for the balance of the season.

Yesterday the Department reported all waters of District No. 2 with the exception of Area No. 1 will be closed for all salmon net fishing this weekend.

The district will remain open for salmon trolling.

Princess Margaret Starts Tour

LONDON (AP)—Princess Margaret flew smilingly off today on a five-week official visit by plane and ship to British territories in the Indian Ocean and East Africa.

Queen Mother Elizabeth waved farewell as the four-engined Argonaut lifted her 26-year-old daughter into the overcast sky over London for the trip into the sunny tropics.

The Queen and her family were not on hand. They are vacationing at Balmoral Castle, in Scotland.

The five-week tour is the princess' most important official function since the breakup last October of her reported romance with Group Capt. Peter Townsend—who himself is soon to leave for Africa, by jeep on a round-the-world trip.

For her departure the Princess wore a form-fitting navy blue coat and a head-hugging hat. Her mother, also in navy blue, said a brief private farewell in the plane, then stood on the airfield with Colonial Secretary Alan Lennox-Boyd to watch the departure.

As the big craft moved away, the princess waved gaily from a seat by a window.

The plane headed first for Gibraltar. From there the royal route lies through Kano, on the edge of the Sahara, and Entebbe, in Uganda, to Mombasa, the Kenya port where the princess Saturday afternoon will board the royal yacht Britannia, her home for the major part of her trip.

PARKS BOARD BRIEFS

Expert Advice Sought On Algoma Park Plans

Prince Rupert Parks Board voted last night to establish a three-man commission to assess and submit a written report on the Algoma Park area, for possible expert consideration.

Commissioners A. S. Bill, R. L. Eby and Duncan McRae have been asked to determine the potentialities and explore ideas in the area for future park planning. They will submit their report next meeting, October 4.

Commissioner McRae, suggested the Board send an aerial photograph together with the written data to experts for recommendations.

"We need expert advice to develop the area with a long range view in mind," he said.

Commissioner Kraupner supported this motion with the suggestion a three man commission be instituted to investigate the situation.

Fill for the new McClymont bridge over Hays Creek will be taken from the area in which the fire engine and boat are now placed. Plans for the bridge will appear shortly in The Daily News. Mr. Kraupner said if the fill was taken from the corner across from the motel it would increase the present area and leave room for future development. It would also expose the park in view of motorists and eliminate the possibility of accidents.

A Howitzer gun, offered by the Museum Board of Northern British Columbia has been accepted by the Parks Board and will be placed near the fire engine and boat.

Dumping of land-fill in the Algoma Little League Baseball diamond area will take place immediately to bring the pit to surface level.

A topographical contour map, 200 feet to the inch, of the McClymont and Algoma Parks has been given the green light for production. The cost will be $2 per scale acre and will be used as a consultant for future park development.

A second retaining wall for the swimming pool approximately four feet high is under consideration. Perennial shrubs will be planted between the two. The second wall is to protect the present one from possible erosion and will be constructed "so the people will respect it," Mr. Kraupner said.

Man Remanded In Breakin Case

A man who pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a Port Simpson house September 4th was remanded until tomorrow when he appeared before magistrate W. D. Vance in police court yesterday.

Charged with breaking into the home of Mary Ryan was Joseph McKay, 31, of Port Simpson.

McKay appeared voluntarily.

Fined $25 and costs in police court this morning or in default of payment sentenced to serve 14 days in jail was John Klamut, 38, who pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a taxi within the city limits without a permit from the NCO in charge of the city RCMP detachment.

Lost Athlete Objective Of Big Search

BALTIMORE (AP)—Air-sea rescue units today joined an extensive search for Tommy Gastall, Baltimore Oriole bonus catcher, who radioed late yesterday he was in distress on a solo airplane flight from harbor field here.

The 23-year-old former Boston university three-sport star, who also played several seasons with Liverpool Larrupers of the Halifax and District Senior Baseball League, was last heard from at 6:21 p.m.

The Weather

Cloudy today and Saturday. Frequent sunny periods. A few showers along the mainland ridges today. Little change in temperature. Winds westerly 20 in exposed areas, light elsewhere. Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 45 and 60.

(Photo by Van Meer Studio)

EXPLAINING WHAT ELABORATELY hand-enamelled glasses are to Mayor George E. Hills of Prince Rupert, (right) is Russian Fisheries Minister Alexander Ishkov. Mr. Ishkov, in presenting the six sterling silver vodka glasses to Mayor Hills said he hoped the mayor and his family would use them and remember with kindness the visitors from Russia. Behind Mr. Ishkov is City Clerk Comptroller R. W. Long and behind Mayor Hills is Alderman G. P. Woodside.

Price Cuts, Layoffs Seen For Plywood

PORTLAND (AP)—One big firm cut its plywood price to $67 per 1,000 square feet Thursday and industry spokesmen said production cuts and layoffs "are imminent."

The $67 price for quarter-inch "D" index grade, sanded on one side, was believed to be a post-war low. The price fell to $68 in 1954.

Earlier this year plywood brought $90 per 1,000 feet and declined to $72 at mills during the summer. But the Oregon Journal said orders have piled up in recent weeks.

The Journal said some companies are holding emergency meetings and quoted one industry leader as saying "this could turn into a real price battle before production cuts back to market demand."

The entire Pacific Northwest lumber industry has been complaining recently of a slack market. Lumberman blamed tight credit, which they said was holding back housing construction.

A few small lumber mills have closed, and others said they will have to close soon if the market does not improve.

Murder Charge Follows Slaying Of Young Girl

WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C. (CP) — Gordon Buck, 28-year-old sawmill worker, was charged with murder Thursday in the slaying of the nine-year-old daughter of his common-law wife.

Buck appeared in court and was remanded until Sept. 22.

Victim of the slaying was Heather Reinderer of Duan Lake, 32 miles northeast of here. She disappeared Sept. 9 and her body was found partially hidden under logs and debris 1,500 feet from her home. She had multiple fractures of the jaw and had been strangled and assaulted.