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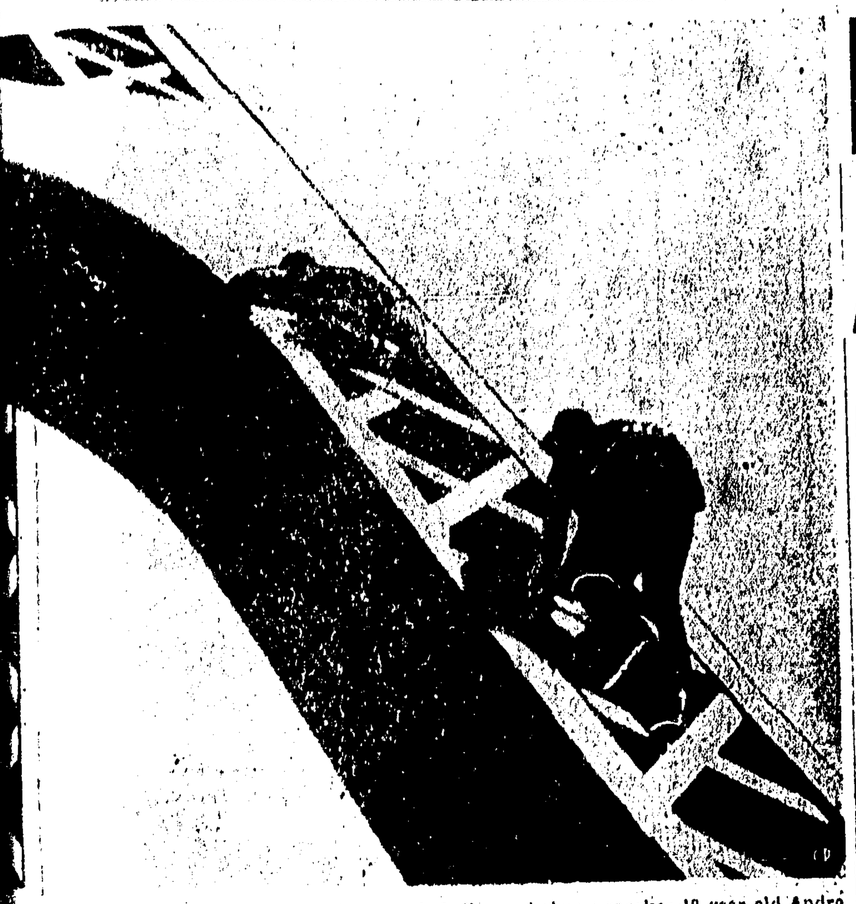
Fire Fighters Get Wage Boost As Board Ends Long Hearings



...NG HIS WAY UPWARD, Fireman Jean-Marie Lallemand almost reaches 18-year-old André ... who had climbed the girder above Montreal's Jacques Cartier bridge and screamed ... to kill myself." Tremblay clung for an hour 165 feet above the street. Finally Lalle... ...ed the youth and dragged him to safety. Crowds watched the tense drama. (CP Photo)

...LC Utilities Stand ...alts Plebiscite Bid

...olicy of the Trades and Labor Congress of Ca... to support public ownership of utilities last night ...ted a move by a faction in the Prince Rupert ...s and Labor Council to seek a second plebiscite ...question of a power supplier for this city.

...uestion of a second pleb... whether the city should ...new contract with the ...r B.C. Power Company ...he British Columbia Pow... ...mission to supply power ...nce Rupert, arose after ... of a report from City ...Comptroller R. W. Long ...eviewed the action taken ...power issue from Decem... ...952 to February, 1955.

...McNiece, delegate from ...ternational Brotherhood ...ical Workers Union told ...ting that the wages of ...s now employed by the ...rn B.C. Power Company ...uld suffer if the power ...sion took over.

...McNiece, an NBCPC em... said that when he made ...y last summer of B.C. ...supplied with power by ...C. Power Commission, he ...that operators were under... ...compared to what men in ...jobs in Prince Rupert ...ting.

...power commission em... are in our union," Mr. ...said, "but the B.C. Pow... ...mission has a blanket ...with the union on a ...power basis. Men who ...get more than $300 per ...here are only getting $180 ...centres," he said.

...he power commission came ...and, paid on the same ...it would break operators ...he said, adding that he thought a plebiscite on the power question today would show a far different result than it did in 1952 when the ratepayers voted by a small majority to have the commission come into Prince Rupert.

(The original plebiscite in December, 1951, asking whether the ratepayers wanted the power commission to supply power to Prince Rupert showed 853 for and 795 against.)

Delegate W. H. Brett, from the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union, reminded the meeting that the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada's policy on utilities was one of public ownership and therefore the Labor Council could hardly vote against one of its parent body's policies.

Mr. McNiece's claim that an increase in power rates was inevitable under the B.C. Power Commission, was yet to be proven, Mr. Brett said.

H. S. Harrison, vice-president, and in charge of the meeting in the absence of Pat O'Neal, stepped down from the chair to say that despite the Congress policy, his own personal opinion of the power question was that he didn't think the "power commission would be any good for Prince Rupert."

"The other plebiscite was stampeded through," he added.

No action was taken on Mr. McNiece's suggestion.

Lighting At Park Almost Sure

Electrification of McClymont Park will likely become a reality this year.

Decision to build a bath house at the swimming pool and a request from A. L. Wade for electricity to the McClymont Park concession prompted a move by the Parks Board last night to approach the Northern B.C. Power Company for installation of a transformer in the park vicinity.

Mr. Wade told the board that he had been unable to locate a suitable operator for the concession and would run it again himself this year. Earlier, Mr. Wade, who is an employee of Miller Bay Indian Hospital informed the board he would have to give up operation this year.

However, Mr. Wade informed the board that she intended hiring a concessionaire and also planned on installing additional equipment. For this he would need electricity, he said, adding that the expected cost of installing a transformer would be around $150.

Commissioner Hugo Kraupner was delegated to meet with the power company with power to act in having electricity brought to McClymont Park within a month or so, providing the cost was within reason.

Only dissenting note came from Commissioner Charles Balagno who said that he was in no way against Mr. Wade or the concession but he wished to have clarification from the city solicitor regarding the legal aspects of having a private individual owning a building on park property. Put to a vote, Commissioner Balagno's motion was lost.

Reds Urge Withdrawal Of Troops

No Alliances For Austrians

MOSCOW (AP)— The Soviet government called today for the speedy conclusion of an Austrian independence treaty and withdrawal of all occupation troops not later than Dec. 31.

A joint Soviet-Austrian communique issued this afternoon said Austrian chancellor Julius Raab had assured Soviet foreign minister V. M. Molotov that Austria will not join any military alliances or permit the establishment of any foreign military bases in its territory.

The Soviet government also pledged: (1) to settle its reparations bill against Austria for the equivalent of $150,000,000 in Austrian goods; (2) to return to Austria all former German property in the Soviet zone including the Danube Shipping Co., and (3) to return the Austrian oil fields and refineries which the Russians have been operating during their 10-year occupation.

Margaret Watts Chosen To Make Trip To Ottawa

Margaret Watts, 17-year-old Grade 12 student at Booth Memorial Junior-Senior High School will be the guest of E. T. Applewhaite, MP for Skeena, and Mrs. Applewhaite as the school representative for a week's stay in Ottawa.

Miss Watts was chosen this week by a panel of four teachers as Booth's representative from among 12 other students who had applied for the trip.

Selection is based on scholastic achievement and general suitability and the student chosen will make a report to the other students on returning here.

Miss Watts, who is the daughter of the Rt. Rev. H. G. Watts Bishop of Caledonia, left last night by train and is expected to arrive in Ottawa Tuesday morning.

During her week's stay she will attend sessions at the Parliament Buildings and meet Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and other cabinet ministers.

Trip was first devised by Mr. Applewhaite to give representatives of the different schools in Skeena constituency a first-hand chance to see the country's government in action after he noted the large number of students from other centres who flocked to Ottawa to attend sessions of Parliament.

HARTMUTH LICHTI of St. Vital, a Winnipeg suburb, looks at a small lake three feet deep in his farmyard after the Seine river overflowed its banks. More than 200 farm houses in southern Manitoba were surrounded by water in similar floods. However waters of the Red River and its other tributaries are now reported dropping. (CP Photo)

Cramp Halts Ex-Marine In Strait Swim Attempt

VICTORIA (CP)—After five agonizing minutes of attempting to overcome a paralyzing stomach cramp, a 29-year-old former marine frogman reluctantly gave up his attempt to conquer the chill strait of Juan de Fuca at 2:10 a.m. today.

For Bert Thomas, a lawyer from Tacoma, Wash., defeat came when victory was in sight. He immediately announced plans to make the attempt again.

Thomas was attempting to swim from here to Port Angeles, Wash., a distance of 16.3 miles. Stomach cramps brought on by salt water overtook him shortly after he had been fed. He had to be helped into a boat.

He fought his way through almost seven miles of choppy salt water before he was forced to give in. To take advantage of the tides, he was swimming a zig-zag course that would have carried him considerably more than the direct distance across the strait.

Only shortly before he had announced the swim was a "cinch."

"I'm still as strong as a bull," Thomas said after he was pulled out. "I'll be back. She (the strait) didn't whip me. She's going to be whipped."

Thomas, who would have been the first person to conquer the straight, said he would likely try again in May when the treacherous tides are favorable.

Thomas was pulled from the water when he was 13 miles from Eddiz Hook at Port Angeles, and when he had forged into the open waters of the strait.

In more than four hours he had covered more distance than famed swimmer Florence Chadwick last August when she started from the same point in Beacon Hill Park here in an unsuccessful attempt. She covered six miles in five hours.

1.9 Per Cent Hike Given Top Firemen

A conciliation board which has been sitting since Wednesday night to hear the 1955 contract dispute between the city of Prince Rupert and the city firemen, today announced that a wage increase and other concessions had been granted members of Local 559 of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

The board, chaired by Joe Scott with Art Murray, city nominee and Pat O'Neal, union nominee, finally wound up its all-night meeting at 6 a.m. today. Decision of the board is binding on both parties.

Granted the firemen were a 1.9 per cent increase in pay for firemen with 43-month service and up; and a 4.6 per cent boost for firemen with six months' service.

The increase raises senior firemen's pay from $329 per month to $335, and junior firemen's wages from $240 per month to $250.

Boosts for firemen in other categories are as follows: seven to 18 months from $260 to $275; 19 to 30 months from $285 to $300; 31 to 42 months from $309 to $320.

STAYS SAME

In addition the board recommended that the present rate of pay and any differential for maintenance man of $343 per month, remain the same.

The city on the other hand has adopted a hold-the-line policy on all civic wage discussions.

The conciliation board also laid down that:

(1) That an advertisement appear in the Prince Rupert Daily News within 30 days of the signing of this agreement inviting applicants for positions to be filled on the fire department as vacancies occur.

(2) That such advertisements appear at six-month intervals unless a minimum of five applications are on file.

(3) That only applicants between the ages of 18 and 25, having a certificate of physical fitness, being of good character and with Grade 10 education, be considered.

The board also recommended that all firemen must appear on duty in uniform to the satisfaction of the fire chief.

It was also decided by the board that a clothing allowance of $75 per year would be paid to all firemen not in receipt of regular uniforms.

The board also decided that the implementation of a Civic Service commission was not advisable at this time.

The union's brief was presented by J. C. Ewart, president of Local 559 and the city's by T. W. Brown, Q.C.

Scandinavian Visits Planned By Sinclair

OTTAWA (CP)—Fisheries Minister Sinclair will visit four Scandinavian countries en route to the ninth annual meeting of the International Whaling Commission, opening in Moscow July 18.

He also hopes that after the commission has completed its business he and his executive assistant, Allistair Fraser, 32, formerly of Vancouver and Prince Rupert, B.C., will be granted authority by Russian officials to visit Soviet whaling stations on the Siberian coast.

The 46-year-old globe-trotting minister will be the first member of the Canadian government to travel behind the Iron Curtain. Mr. Sinclair in 1950 toured Europe attempting to collect debts owed Canada by a number of countries and last year visited Southeast Asia before Prime Minister St. Laurent's round-the-world trip.

Mr. Sinclair and Mr. Fraser are scheduled to leave Vancouver July 8 by Canadian Pacific Airlines for Amsterdam. They will spend two days in Copenhagen, Stockholm, Oslo and Helsinki before arriving in Moscow July 16.

CANCER BRANCH CANVASSERS MAKE ALL-OUT DRIVE TONIGHT

Cancer Society branch canvassers will be out tonight seeking donations to the 1955 Fund drive for $2,000 to aid in the fight against the great killer.

Besides more than 100 volunteers who will be making calls at city homes, there will be two Prince Rupert Cancer branch members at the Civic Centre who will receive donations and give receipts.

Tonight at 6:30, Prince Rupert Little Theatre Association will broadcast over radio station CFPR a short program in conjunction with the cancer fund drive.

...aterials For Bath House ...t McClymont Park Ordered

...Prince Rupert Parks ...decided last night to or... ...materials for the "shell" ...ew rustic-type bath house ...e Gyro Swimming Pool ...cClymont Park from the ...which prefabricates log-...xteriors.

...of the materials for the ...and roofing for the 20 by ...structure had been esti... ...by the company at ap...ately $4,500, including ...from Vancouver.

...will be called for the ...of the building, instal... ...of the foundation and all ...bing, electrical and other ...fixtures.

...of the new bath house, ...cleared behind the swim... ...pool, is nearing completion, ...Goode, city engineer re...

...er plans for McClymont ...will see a cement walk put around the swimming pool, completion of the bleachers and erection of a new fence around the top of the rock wall.

A new sandbox has been completed and the removal of stumps in the playground area is almost completed, the city engineer reported.

A report will be asked from Fred Jones, playground director for the city, on a suitable diving board installation for the swimming pool in McClymont Park.

The creek diversion in Algoma Park has been completed but additional work will be required later to remove brush and stumps from the vicinity, Mr. Good reported. Installation of a proper drain on the north boundary in Casey Park has been undertaken and construction of a new merry-go-round for Totem Park is finished and it will be erected as soon as the paint is dry, he said.

Mrs. M. Adams Dies Suddenly At Age of 50

Mrs. Marjorie Adams, 330 Eighth Avenue East, long time Prince Rupert resident died suddenly this morning in Prince Rupert General Hospital at the age of 50.

Born in Brighton, England, Mrs. Adams came to the city in 1909.

She is survived by her husband Jack, at home, a daughter, Mrs. Jonathan G. Helgason, in Prince Rupert, three sons, Alfred Hudema in Port Alberni and Robert Hudema, with the Royal Canadian Navy in Victoria, three brothers, Percy, Fred and Frank Cameron in Prince Rupert and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Ferguson Funeral Home with Arthur Melin, presiding minister of Jehovah Witnesses. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery.

Foley Re-Elected

VANCOUVER (CP) — M. J. Foley was re-elected Thursday night as president of the B.C. Branch, Canadian Forestry Association.

T. G. Wright and B. B. Cattle were named vice-presidents.

WEATHER

North Coast Region: Cloudy and cool today and Saturday. Frequent rainshowers. Winds southwesterly 25 exposed areas today becoming westerly on Saturday. Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 35 and 46.

Ambulance Regulations Criticized

Labor Council Protests Overtime Work Permits

Protests were the order of the evening, last night when the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council at its regular meeting decided to deplore government issuance of overtime permits to a new company presently engaged in construction work at Kitimat.

The meeting learned that the Saguenay-Kitimat company, in its expansion project at the Alcan smelter town had obtained a permit from the government to work its men 9 hours a day, six days a week.

A letter was instructed written to the government protesting the issuing of overtime permits when unemployment was such a problem in British Columbia and the rest of Canada today.

A protest will also be sent to the city on the manner in which the ambulance is being operated under the new regulations laid down this year. The regulations are too strict, the meeting said.

With the new rules, for obtaining the ambulance calling for authorization by the RCMP or a doctor, the meeting felt that an injured man's life could be lost while a policeman or doctor was being summoned, before the ambulance even started on its way.

Possibility was also raised that even if an injured man was taken to hospital he wouldn't be allowed to enter unless authorized to do so by a doctor and therefore more delay would be encountered.

One delegate said that emergency cases were always admitted and treated but other delegates disagreed with him.

The Labor council will also write a protest to city council voicing disapproval of the manner in which "the telephone by-law which increased phone rates was rushed through."

In other business the Labor Council tabled for another month discussion of rent control since it hadn't received an answer from city council as to what the city intended to do about the matter. Delegates said that press reports of the council's decision not to form a board, but to hear any evidence of a need for a rent-control committee, was not official and therefore the TLC could not act. The labor body decided, however, to collect evidence of rent increases which might be considered out of proportion.

The matter of supporting other city groups in the matter of bringing about fluoridation of the city's water supply was also tabled for a month, while delegates prepared arguments pro and con.

Discussion of both topics followed reading of a letter from Local 708 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, asking for support after the union had gone on record as protesting operation of the ambulance and favoring fluoridation of water.

A motion not to send a delegate to the 70th annual convention of the Trades and Labor May 30, was passed by the meeting.

* Give Generously To The Cancer Fund Drive Tonight *