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. . . General Chairman

MAYOR GEORGE HILLS
. . . Greeting visitors

Pulp Workers To Vote Sunday On Standard Contract Question

Separate Bargaining Seen Goal of Move

A special meeting Sunday night at 7:30 will see members of Local 708 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers (AFL-TLC) take a vote on whether or not they wish to remain in the Standard Labor Contract or bargain separately with Columbia Cellulose Company Limited, at Watson Island.

Meeting is at Legion auditorium.

The members will be asked in a secret ballot the question "Are you in favor of local 708 withdrawing from the Standard Labor Contract?"

The Standard Labor Contract is signed by locals of the IBPSPMW on the Pacific Coast with six different paper companies.

It is generally felt within the 450-member local that such a move would benefit the union here in as much as separate bargaining might bring about recognition of the northern differential sought here for four years.

The union claims that due to the high cost of living in Prince Rupert compared to lower mainland centres, that workers should be paid an additional amount to compensate the higher costs.

A union spokesman said today that last week Columbia Cellulose granted workers a continuation of the transportation allowance of 40 cents per day for the life of the coming contract.

The present contract, a two-year one, expires June 30. Negotiations for the reopening of the new contract are expected to start June 18.

President of Local 708, Peter Lester said that the purpose of the meeting "is to determine whether or not members of Local 708 want the northern differential badly enough to break up the Standard Contract this year."

Mr. Lester said that for the benefit of workers who will be on shift Sunday night, another meeting will be held at the Metropole Hall, at 1:30 p.m. Monday at which time they will be given the opportunity to vote on the question.

Fishermen To Discuss Price Talks

Northern Groups To Hear Report

A joint meeting of the United Fishermen's and Allied Workers Union (Ind.) and the British Columbia Native Brotherhood Saturday afternoon in the Metropole Hall will hear a report on salmon price talks presently at a standstill in Vancouver.

The talks came to a halt last week when the UFAWA rejected a 3 per cent increase across the board made by the B.C. Fisheries Association.

Here to give the report is Homer Stevens, UFAWU secretary, who will address the 2 p.m. meeting and endeavor to get the feeling of the northern membership on the current negotiations.

"We also hope to get both the union's and the Brotherhood's opinion on what deadline to set for a final settlement," Mr. Stevens said here today.

DEADLINE ISSUE

He said the negotiating committee had recommended June 25 as a settlement deadline but that the bargainers were willing to make it a week earlier if the northern membership was agreeable.

Also to be taken up by the meeting, Mr. Stevens said, was a report that canneries were eliminating 10 to 20 per cent of ts Native fishermen. He said the report, made by cannery operators, was substantiated, at the bargaining table between union and fisheries association representatives.

The union negotiators were told that tht canneries are getting rid of marginal fishermen," Mr. Stevens said, adding that no explanation of the term "marginal fishermen" was given.

DENIES STATEMENT

Mr. Stevens denied a statement attributed to him in Vancouver that higher salmon prices should be charged.

He said that what he did say was "that there is a discrepency between the two statements of the cannery operators that on the one hand the consumer was queen and on the other she would have liked to buy sockeye salmon for 20 cents per half-pound tin, but had to pay 30 cents.

Since arriving in Prince Rupert, Mr. Stevens said, he had found that the consumer has to pay 45 cents and up for a half-pound tin of locally canned sockeye.

"We feel that this is far too great a spread between the price paid the fishermen and the price paid by the consumer," the union secretary said.

TO RENEW CONTRACT

TRAIL, B.C. (CP)—Mayor E. G. Fletcher said here today the city is prepared to renew its contract with the RCMP despite an announced increase in costs.

WAVING TRIUMPHANTLY is Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden whose Conservative party swept to an overwhelming victory in yesterday's general election in Britain. People's confidence in newly-named prime minister was reflected in vote which gave Tories unprecedented majority for a reigning party. With Sir Anthony is Lady Eden who has campaigned at her husband's side since early April when Sir Winston Churchill stepped down and an election was called.

60-Seat Majority Seen For Victorious Tories

LONDON (CP)—Sir Anthony Eden's Conservatives were assured of a majority of about 60 seats in the House of Commons today in a smashing general election victory over Clement Attlee's Labor party.

The Labor leadership conceded defeat early today, many hours before the Conservatives—picking up strength from late-reporting rural constituencies—won their 316th seat for a clear majority in the 630-seat new House of Commons.

It was a great victory for Eden who went to the people for a fresh mandate after taking over as prime minister from Sir Winston Churchill in April. In the 1951 election Churchill led the party to a 19-vote victory in ousting the Labor government.

ADDED PRESTIGE

Adding to Eden's prestige was the fact that this was the first time in almost a century that the party in power had increased its strength in a general election.

Eden, with a new five-year lease on 10 Downing street, the official residence of the prime minister, returned triumphantly to London today.

"BEYOND WILDEST DREAMS"

The 57-year-old prime minister, with his wife by his side, left his Warwickshire electoral district by car after telling his supporters his personal victory there went "beyond my wildest dreams."

They had increased his individual majority by more than 3,000 votes over his Labor opponent and set the pattern for the sweeping Conservative victory.

Eden was cheered by a crowd of about 300 when he arrived at 10 Downing street. Obviously pleased by the resounding vote of confidence from the people, which will strengthen his prestige for the forthcoming Big Four talks, Eden smiled and waved to his well-wishers.

"I thank you, I thank you very much," he said.

From the crowd there were shouts of "Bravo," "Well done," and "Congratulations."

Labor conceded the election early today as overnight returns from 357 of the 630 constituencies showed close to a two-percent swing to the Conservatives.

Political analysts generally agreed that this trend foreshadowed a majority of 60 to 70 seats for the Conservatives in the new house compared with a working margin of 17 in the last Commons, elected in 1951.

Party Standings

LONDON (AP)—Returns from 615 of 630 constituencies in the British election showed the following party standing this morning.

Conservatives	336
Labor	274
Liberals	5
Unreported	15
TOTAL	630

WEATHER

Cloudy with frequent sunny periods today and Saturday. A few light showers both days. Little change in temperature. Light winds. Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 37 and 57.

Rotary Club Gives $1,809 To Hospital

The Prince Rupert General Hospital yesterday received the sum of $1,809 from the Prince Rupert Rotary club, the balance of a $2,500 donation the club made to the hospital in 1953.

The presentation was made to R. G. Moore, chairman of the hospital board, by T. B. Black, Rotary Club president at the club's weekly luncheon meeting.

The donation was made to the hospital for the further addition and equipping of the children's ward, which has been sponsored by the Rotarians.

The $2,500 donation brings the Rotarians grants to the children's ward to an even $10,000 over the past 10 years.

In accepting the cheque, Mr. Moore said:

"A hospital marks a growing community and sooner or later we all realize its importance."

"The Rotarians take a great interest in their hospital," he added.

The hospital board chairman paid tribute to the Rotary Club for their work in connection with the children's ward.

"Through the charity of the Rotarians," he said, "from 15 to 20 beds may now be added to the ward."

Rotarians also heard a letter read from E. T. Applewhaite, Liberal MP for Skeena, who paid tribute to Don Martinusen, Booth School representative on the recent "Adventure in Citizenship" trip to Ottawa.

The Grade 11 student's manner and personality had impressed everyone he had met, Mr. Applewhaite said.

Hotel Fire Fatal to 8

NELSON — Eight persons are believed to have died in an early morning fire which destroyed the three-storey Strathcona Hotel, the oldest in the city.

One body was recovered from the smoking debris of the 35-room hotel. It was that of a child. Seven other guests are missing.

Fire chief E. S. Owens said he held little hope for the missing.

"I'm afraid it is hopeless — utterly impossible," he said.

Five persons were injured as guests fled the hotel, and two firemen were overcome by smoke. Property loss was estimated at $85,000.

Identity of the dead and missing was not immediately available. The hotel register was destroyed.

There were 60 persons in the hotel, men and women and children, when the first alarm sounded at about 1 a.m.

David MacDonald, who was walking toward the hotel when the first broke out, said there was an explosion or back-fire.

"It was a mass of flames a few minutes later."

Two of the presumed dead were an elderly woman in a wheelchair and a 90-year-old man, trapped on the top floor of the flaming structure.

Landings Total 282,000 Pounds

Three United States and three Canadian halibutters landed a total of 282,000 pounds of halibut from Area 3, at the Prince Rupert Halibut Exchange this morning.

In addition, three Co-op boats brought in 48,000 pounds of halibut from Area 3.

Large and chicken halibut fetched prices of 10.5 and 9.5 cents a pound for the United States catches while Canadian prices were 10.4 and 9.5 for large and chicken halibut.

Individual landings with prices for mediums in brackets are as follows:

Area 3 — U.S. — Yukon 38,000 pounds (12.7) sold to Booth Fisheries; Hoover, 38,000 pounds (12.7) sold to Atlin Fisheries; Sunset 50,000 pounds (12.0) sold to B.C. Packers.

Canadian — Queen Kathleen 30,000 pounds (12.5) sold to Pacific Fisheries; San Thomas 78,000 pounds (12.4) sold to B.C. Packers; Eiling K 48,000 pounds (12.8) sold to Atlin Fisheries.

Co-Op landings: Anker A 16,000 pounds, Tramp 26,000 pounds, Primrose 7,000 pounds.

NORTHLAND NAVIGATION TAKES OVER CPR DOCK

Northland Navigation Company has taken over the lease of the Canadian Pacific dock, it was announced today by C. W. Nickerson Company Limited.

The move follows the amalgamation of the coastal shipping service here by the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Steamship Companies. The CPSS Princess Norah, now berths at the CNR dock.

The transfer is effective June 1.

Record Rainfall in 1955 Seen for Prince Rupert

Unless Prince Rupert gets a long dry spell, the city appears headed for a record fall of precipitation this year.

Already this year, a wet spring has provided the area with just seven inches short of the total precipitation recorded here by the end of September last year, a check of figures supplied by the Department of Transport radio station at Digby Island shows.

A total of 42.10 inches of precipitation, made up of 30.72 inches of rain and 24.75 inches of snow have fallen so far this year. (Snowfall figure, divided by 10 gives equivalent rainfall)

By the end of September last year, 40.13 inches of precipitation had been recorded here.

LESS IN OTHER YEARS

At the end of the first five months of last year, 28.15 inches of precipitation had fallen, while by the same date in 1953, 35.77 inches had fallen, in 1952, 36.27 inches recorded and in 1951, 20.57 inches. Last year's total rainfall was 97.54 inches, although the greatest amount recorded in the past 15 years was in 1939 when 116.04 inches of precipitation were recorded here.

Measurable precipitation has been recorded on 84 days this year up until the end of April while last year for the same period precipitation was measured only on 65 days.

During April, the area received 0.3 inches of rain, plus 3.0 inches of snow, compared to 6.32 inches of rain and 2.4 inches of snow in April 1954.

SUNSHINE RATIONED

The weatherman also has rationed out sunshine for the area more sparingly this year as compared to last, allowing only 303.0 hours of bright sunshine for the first four months as compared to 366.3 hours for the same period in 1954.

During the past month, however, the district received more sunshine than it did in April 1954, (151.5 hours compared to 147.4 hours last year). The month just past was warmer, too, with a high of 57.2 degrees comparing favorably with last year's April high of 50 degrees while the low last month was 29.0 degrees compared to 23 degrees registered in April 1954. Mean temperature was 41.7 degrees compared to 38.48 in April of last year.

Up until May 21, there had been 5.63 inches of rainfall in the area while up until Monday 108.5 hours of sunshine had been recorded.

...tload of Colorful Shriners Here ... Two Days of Ceremonial Rites

...bands, playing, and ...costumes plenty more ...members of the Gizeh ...Shrine swarmed ashore ...SS Prince George at ...the National Steamship ...this afternoon for two ...ceremonials and initiations in Prince ...

...the visiting ...of Shriners and their ...Mayor George E. Hills ...of the Prince Rupert ...Club headed by ...James N. Forman.

On behalf of the city of Prince Rupert, Mayor Hills presented Jack M. Streight, Illustrious Potentate of the Gizeh Temple with the key to the city.

"Customs of presenting keys must have originated from neighbors exchanging keys with those they trusted," said Mayor Hills.

GLAD TO BE BACK

In reply, Illustrious Potentate Streight said that the Shriners were pleased to be back in Prince Rupert.

"This key is a symbol of the hospitality of this city where we have been made most welcome before."

He paid tribute to the excellent performance of the Prince Rupert Drill Team which, led by Carol Enridge, staged a display of precision marching for the visitors.

On the official dins, Mrs. Streight was presented with a bouquet by Mrs. Forman.

GIVEN UMBRELLA

On behalf of the visitors, the Illustrious Potentate presented the mayor with an umbrella which showered him with confetti, while Mayor Hills retaliated with a present of a frozen halibut.

At the gangplank of the Prince George, to greet visitors as they stepped ashore, was G. P. Woodside, who presented each Shriner with a small key to the city on behalf of the Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce.

MARCH THROUGH CITY

Led by Jack Horton of Vancouver, parade marshall, the Shriners marched from the dock through the city to the Post Office.

Following the parade marshal were three standard bearers from Vancouver, followed by the Gizeh Temple Band from Victoria, Nobles of the Shrine, and the Shrine Pipe Band from Vancouver. The Shrine Club Oriental Band from New Westminster, led by Jack Allen, deputy police chief from New Westminster, were dressed in colorful Arabic costumes topped by turbans or striped burnooses.

Bringing up the rear of the parade was the Shriner's fire truck and calliope.

At 7 p.m. tonight, there will be a band concert by the brass band, after which there will be a reception for Ladies and Nobles at the Armories. Tonight's activities will wind up with a ceremonial dance at HMCS Chatham drill hall.

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With delegates from Bella Bella, Ocean Falls, Terrace, Hazelton, Smithers, Burns Lake and Prince Rupert at the conference, discussion was also slated later for the controversial BCHIS directive stating the B.C. government would not recognize any increases in hospital salaries and wages above the 1954 approved level.

Most delegates present reported they had already committed themselves to increases before the directive became known.

T. W. Brown, QC, was scheduled to discuss legal aspects of the directive and other hospital matters at the general meeting this afternoon. A recommendation on the subject will be made for reference to the B.C. Hospital Association meeting at Vancouver next month.

Two motions passed at the morning session called for streamlining of "paper work" required by hospitals in handling Workmen's Compensation Board cases and for reduction in proof of residence required by BCHIS from one year to six months. was also agreed that BCHIS should be asked to have representatives of its consulting branch visit this area more frequently to give advice on possible operational improvements in hospital work.

Chairman at the administrative meeting this morning was Douglas Stevenson, administrator at the Prince Rupert General Hospital, while R. G. Moore, chairman of the local hospital board, was in charge of the director's meeting.

Delegates from outside points were: Dr. C. R. Darby and Miss Betty Wilson, Bella Bella; S. R. Grandison and Carson Wallace, Ocean Falls; J. W. Turner, A. C. Fowler, Sister Noeml and Sister Immaculata, Smithers; Mrs. Isabel Fleming, Burns Lake. Delegates from Terrace and Hazelton were scheduled to arrive later.

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