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Overwhelming majority of Alaskans cast votes for immediate statehood

Returns indicate at least 2-1 ratio

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—Returns indicated today that an overwhelming number of Alaskans, voting in a special election, favor immediate admission as the 49th U.S. state.

Only a handful of the territory's approximately 297 voting districts had reported complete returns, but the early vote was running heavily in favor of statehood.

Congress approved Alaska's admission as the 49th state in July. But Alaskans had the power to reject statehood in Tuesday's election.

Predictions were that statehood would be approved by a margin of 2 to 1. Early returns indicated the margin would be greater than that, and the total number of votes cast was passing all expectations.

The statehood voting was on three separate referendum propositions, the key to which was on the first ballot:

"Shall Alaska immediately be admitted to the union as a state?"

Most of the opposition to statehood in Alaska had been based on a fear that increased costs of state government would mean a new increase in taxes for the territory's 215,000 residents.

However, the heavy outpouring at the polls was viewed by most observers as an indication that statehood was headed for approval by a wide margin.

"It's a wonderful night," said Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton, the administration's greatest booster of Alaskan statehood. Seaton was in Juneau for the vote tabulation.

The voting was so heavy at many districts that the supply of official election ballots was exhausted before the polls closed.

Airplanes were pressed into service to carry new supplies of ballots to some constituencies.

City council delays publication of mayor's report

A mayor's report on city council's feelings and actions following the Centennial Riot August 3 will be issued as soon as it is cleared by city solicitor J. T. Harvey as not conflicting with court proceedings.

Mr. Harvey, who is currently on holidays, will be asked for his approval at the earliest opportunity, the mayor said.

The detailed statement, read to council last night by Mayor Peter J. Lester, will not be made public until the council is sure it can't be held in contempt of court. Trials of several of the 35 persons charged after the riot are still to be completed.

The mayor gave the report in answer to a Prince Rupert Labor Council letter pressing earlier voiced charges against RCMP and a special city committee inquiring into the uprising during which about 15 persons were injured.

The labor group is questioning the "maturity of many rookie RCMP constables" and suggests that council should consider reverting to a city police force.

The labor council also expressed doubts that the city committee has "the time or ability" for thorough examination.

The committee, in its report released five days after the uprising, had suggested that RCMP use a firm hand in enforcing the law and that the Crown request severe penalties for all offenders.

$30,000 set to improve floats here

Floats at the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative Association Fairview plant will be improved at a cost of more than $30,000, it was reported today by the Department of Public Works.

The department announced awarding of a $32,830 contract to Pacific Piledriving Company Limited of Victoria.

Construction will consist of the mooring of two log floats each measuring 180 feet by 12 feet, one log float 160 feet by 12 feet and three new five-log breakwater sections each 80 feet long. The breakwater sections will be moored in place by anchor chains secured to concrete anchors.

Musical ride to be staged here twice

Prince Rupert residents will have two opportunities this Labor Day weekend to see the world-famous Royal Canadian Mounted Police "Musical Ride" presented in Roosevelt Park.

A troop of scarlet-coated mounted RCMP will exhibit their world-acclaimed spectacular ride of controlled precision and co-ordination to marked music.

This will be repeated Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

The Prince Rupert Centennial Girls' Drill Team will also give a display of marching, prior to the RCMP show.

Garbed in scarlet tunics, long boots and spurs the riders will carry lances eight feet long while the all-black horses will be equipped with Colonial saddles.

The performance which calls for a variety of intricate movements at the walk, trot and canter, will be made up of the "Bridal Arch," "The Dome," the "Maze", the "Star", the "Shanghai Cross", "The Catherine Wheel" and the Maltese Cross."

Formed in 1876, the RCMP cavalry arrives here tomorrow night by train.

Rifle shot kills bear cub

A bear cub, estimated to be 18 months old, and weighing more than 100 pounds was shot this afternoon in the brush behind the property at 403 Fourth Avenue East.

The fatal shot was fired by Provincial Game Warden Clifford Walker with a .303 rifle. Members of the RCMP assisted in the hunt.

The Game Warden said that he felt there were more of the bears in the environs of the city and that vigilance would be maintained. Persons sighting bears are asked to contact the Provincial Game Department or the RCMP.

WASHINGTON (AP)—A group of experts said today that by the early 1960s missile-firing Russian submarines will be capable of devastating North American cities.

"A massive attack with such weapons could level our entire urban society," said the underseas warfare panel. The group was formed to advise the military subcommittee of the congressional atomic energy committee.

"In a future war," the report said, "the ocean could be our enemy as never before."

MISS PNE will be chosen tonight from one of these 30 beauties. Merwyn Hennesey, Miss Prince Rupert, is shown in the second row from the front, second from left. The 30 girls are: Front Row, l to r: Miss Nelson, Fran Johnson; Miss Vernon, Bernadette Genovy; Miss Kelowna, Heather Watson; Miss Langley, Betty Granholm; Miss Richmond, Dorea Huovinen; Miss Parksville, Edith King; Miss Sanscha, Beverly Joan Hill; Miss Victoria, Mary Gibson. Second Row, l to r: Miss West Vancouver, Mennely Vandergaast; Miss Prince Rupert, Merwyn Hennessy; Miss Dawson Creek, Julie E. Woodward; Miss Quesnel, Gloria Barclay; Miss Port Moody, Sharon Durham; Miss Squamish, Wilma DeBeck; Miss Vancouver, Linda Smith; Miss Chilliwack, Patricia Ann Spears. Third Row, l to r: Miss Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows, Jeanie Anderson; Miss Revelstoke, Yvonne Marie Camozzi; Miss Burnaby, Barbara Helen Moore; Miss Shuswap, Betty Kavalinas; Miss Penticton, Maureen Pritchard; Miss Abbotsford, Irene Fedje; Miss Nanaimo, Nancy Chataway; Miss Comox Valley, Myrna Holt; Miss North Vancouver, Carol Hutton. Fourth Row, l to r: Miss Cowichan Valley, Karen Elaine Ross; Miss White Rock, Doris Isherwood; Miss Royal City, Merren Mackie; Miss Powell River, Diana Lanstrom; Miss Campbell River, Joan Grant. —PNE Photo.

Long prepares brief on housing problem

The city will prepare a brief pointing out Prince Rupert's particular problems in regard to application of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation policy.

The report, to be drafted by City Clerp Comptroller R. W. Long, is to be submitted to a special committee studying the federal-provincial rental scale in subsidized rental housing projects erected under the National Housing Act.

The committee, sponsored jointly by CMHC and the Province of Ontario, is receiving briefs from municipalities all over Canada and is expected to complete its enquiry within 10 months.

Any changes resulting from the enquiry would affect 50 existing households here plus some 20 units in a proposed apartment block.

Following points are to be given particular consideration:
1. Validity of principles on which the present scale is based.
2. Examination of other rental formulae as to feasibility of application here.
3. Consideration of criteria to be employed in determining eligibility of tenants.
4. **Possible development of a new rental scale, taking into consideration regional differences in living costs, presence of similar renting projects in the same municipality, and growing number of fully serviced projects.**

The three-man special committee informed council in a letter last night that the study was ordered to keep up with changes in income and price since the scale's inception in 1947.

TAXI DRIVERS, TEENAGERS BLAMED FOR NOISE IN CITY

Alderman R. G. Large has charged taxi drivers and "some teenagers" with being responsible for much of the unnecessary noise in the city at night.

Telling city council last night that he had received several complaints and that he himself was "very concerned," Ald. Large accused taxi drivers of being the worst offenders and added that some of the teenagers are also responsible.

"It is a practice among cab drivers to blow the horn when picking up passengers," Ald. Large said.

Council approved a motion by Ald. Large that City clerk-Comptroller R. W. Long report on what steps could be taken to decrease the noise.

Longshoremen's dispute talk resumption likely

VANCOUVER (CP)—The way was clear Tuesday night for resumption of talks in the strike of 1,300 longshoremen which has brought cargo shipping to a standstill at five British Columbia ports.

The B.C. Shipping Federation, representing employers in the dispute, said Tuesday it is willin gto meet union officials. Its statement followed a meeting between federation directors and mediator George Currie of the federal labor department.

The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union said Monday night it welcomed Labor Minister Starr's call for a resumption of talks aimed at ending the five-day-old strike.

Loading and unloading is at a standstill here and at Victoria, New Westminster, Port Alberni and Chemainus.

In its statement Tuesday the Federation said it would be ready to co-operate fully in exploring any suggestions put forward by the labor department which might tend to shorten the strike.

The statement added that the Federation had so far received no clear reasons from the union for rejection of contributory pension scheme proposals put forward November, 1957, and offered again last Thursday with modifications in the union's favor.

The union has said its dispute with the employers is mainly concerned with the pension plan and with contract provisions governing hours of work.

Parks director warns vandalists

The miniature train ride at McClymont Park will be taken out of operation if vandalists continue to damage it.

Parks director F. H. Owen today urged parents to use their influence in putting a stop to the vandalism. "Otherwise we will not be able to continue running the train." Mr. Owen said.

Ministers invited to Rupert

Minister of Public Works Howard Green and Deputy Minister General Young have been invited to visit Prince Rupert for discussion on the proposed sale of the Federal Building to the city.

Mayor Peter J. Lester and City Clerk-Comptroller R. W. Long told city council last night they had asked the federal ministers to come in order to expedite a municipal-provincial-federal deal under which the Federal Building would be sold for use as city hall, in return for which the city would acquire provincial government property to provide the site for a new federal building.

While Ottawa has set a price on the building that has been termed "out of proportions," Premier Bennett has agreed to sell the city land for "a very nominal price."

Forest fires may prevent hunting season

VICTORIA (CP)—Unless there is a major improvement in the forest fire situation, British Columbia will not have a hunting season this year.

The decision was taken Tuesday by the game department and forest service officials. More than 90,000 sportsmen could be affected.

"It would be utter folly to open up the woods at this time," said Lands and Forests Minister Ray Williston. "It's too dangerous to let the hunters go in."

Liquor consumption said high

WATERLOO, Ont. (CP)—More than 50 per cent of Canadian high school students drink, the International Intercollegiate School of Alcohol Studies at Waterloo College was told Tuesday.

Dr. J. A. B. McLeish, registrar of Carleton University in Ottawa, said it is unrealistic to expect that drinking at colleges will stop in a society which is "saturated with liquor customs."

He recommended that universities mak eprovision for scolarly inquiry into the problem of alcohol and make results available to students and counsellors.

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FORT LAUDERDALE—Miss America, Madilyn Van Derbur, waves a goodbye at New York's La Guardia Airport before flying to Memphis, Tenn., for personal appearances. Madilyn is nearing the close of her reign as top U.S. beauty queen.

Motorist gets $35 in fines on two counts

Meindert Banstra of Smithers was fined a total of $35 in Port Edward police court yesterday on charges of driving without due care and attention and driving contrary to restrictions as stated on his driver's license.

Bandstra pleaded guilty to the second charge and pleaded not guilty to the first charge. He was found guilty of the second charge by the Magistrate. In default of payment he was sentenced to 10 days on each count.

Bandstra was the driver of a Smithers transport truck that August 12 rolled off Highway 16 three miles east of Tyee and plunged into the Skeena River. He escaped uninjured and the truck was a total loss.

"Sorry!" says Gaglardi

VICTORIA (CP) — Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi announced Tuesday he will put up more directional signs on B.C. highways and some will embody new designs in different colors.

Companies follow suit in accepting formula

VANCOUVER (CP)—Representatives of coast lumber operators Tuesday followed the lead of the International Woodworkers of America in deciding to accept the Sloan formula for settling their contract dispute.

John Billings, president of Forest Industrial Relations, which represents the employers, said the 148 coast operators "will be accepting" B.C. Forest Commissioner Gordon Sloan's proposal.

The executive of the IWA announced late Monday the membership approved the Sloan formula by a substantial margin.

The formula calls for fringe benefits but no increase in wages. The union originally demanded a 10-per-cent boost in the present base rate of $1.71 an hour.

Some 150 American tourists completed the first half of a 10-day rail-cruise Tuesday night when they arrived in Prince Rupert for a five-hour stop-over by special train from Prince George.

Rezoning request refused by city

City council last night turned down an application by a property management firm to have the northeast corner of McBride Street and Fifth Avenue rezoned to allow erection of a garage.

Council thereby upheld a zoning committee recommendation that was appealed last night by J. C. Georgeson, manager of the firm. Mr. Georgeson had asked that the residential property at that site be rezoned as commercial property to enable construction of a service station.

The appeal was defeated on the strength of the votes of alderman R. G. Large and Kay Smith against T. Norton Youngs who favored a public hearing to "let the neighbors give their opinions."

Ald. Large, opposing the rezoning, asserted that a service station in that location would hamper traffic in addition to disturbing funeral processions at a funeral home, located on the southwest corner of the same intersection.

Mr. Georgeson supported his appeal on the grounds that the bright lights of a service station would help prevent accidents at the "not too well-lit corner."

WEATHER—

Cloudy with showers. Little change in temperature. Light winds. Low tonight and high tomorrow 50 and 65.

TIDES—

Thursday, August 28, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	00:07	20.5 feet
	13:05	19.7 feet
Low	06:53	3.7 feet
	19:07	5.4 feet