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"Injustice, cruelty" charges levelled in handling of prisoners after riot

IWA-pulp union merger approved

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—A merger plan for two big wood and paper unions with a combined membership of 335,000 has been approved by a special merger committee.

A spokesman for the 135,000-member International Woodworkers of America said Tuesday the plan was worked out by a committee in Chicago representing the IWA and the 200,000-member International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers.

Executive councils of both unions are expected to act within 60 days and approval is expected, he said.

Top officials of the IWA were out of the city Tuesday, but the spokesman said Al F. Hartung, union president, had expressed himself as pleased with results of the Chicago meeting. Details of the merger plan will be withheld until the executive councils have acted, he said.

The IWA at its last convention called for merger into one union of all those who work with wood "from the stump to the finished product."

Family survives plane crash

EDMONTON (CP)—An American family that survived a plane crash in northwestern Canada was to arrive here today, ending a week-long ordeal in the mountainous and fly-infested country of the southern Yukon.

Pilot E. L. Gregg of Firebough, Calif., and his wife and daughter were spotted safe and well beside the wreckage of a single-engined plane Tuesday following an extensive search by RCAF and private aircraft.

The family spent the week in the wild country of the Yukon, existing chiefly on a two-week supply of food in their survival kit. The wheel-equipped plane also carried a pistol.

The Greggs disappeared July 29 on a 335-mile flight along the Alaska Highway from Fort Nelson, B.C., to Watson Lake, Y.T. A search was organized that day but search planes found no trace of the lost Piper Tri-Pacer until Tuesday.

7,000-FOOT MOUNTAINS

Spotting the downed craft was an RCAF Dakota, one of a fleet of military and civilian aircraft that combed more than 30,500 square miles of forested terrain where the mountains rise between 6,000 and 7,000 feet.

ONE HALIBUT SALE

One halibutter sold her catch on the Prince Rupert halibut exchange this morning.

The "Tor 2" sold 50,000 pounds to British Columbia Packers for prices of 21.7 cents for medium, 21.7 cents for large and 14 cents for chicken size fish.

Kitimat dairy charged with mislabelling

A Kitimat dairy has been charged with labelling reconstituted milk as fresh milk. The firm was charged under the Milk Act and remanded without plea for trial August 13, Sanitary inspector R. G. Scott reported today.

The Lakelse Dairy has been charged under Section 15, Subsection 4 of the Milk Act which prohibits putting reconstituted milk in containers labeled fresh milk.

Reconstituted milk is made up of mixing powder milk with water and sweet buutter.

The dary supplies milk in containers to householders in Prince Rupert as well as Kitimat and Terrace.

TWIN SIZE TRAVELERS—Identical twins, Alicia and Marcia Bradford, both TWA hostesses and the only identical sister team in the air, prepare to take-off with the first luggage made of airplane and sattelite metal.

Mideast showdown assured

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prompt agreement by President Eisenhower to a proposal from Russia's Premier Khrushchev has assured a showdown debate in the United Nations General Assembly on the Middle East.

United States official are privately pleased that the fight between Russia and the Western powers will come in the Assembly rather than at a summit conference. State Secretary Dulles among others was known to fear that a summit meeting would likely do more harm that good.

Khrushchev himself could head the Soviet delegation to the emergency assembly session, should he choose. But some officials interpretated the letter he sent Eisenhower Tuesday as backing completely away from the whole summit conference idea at this time.

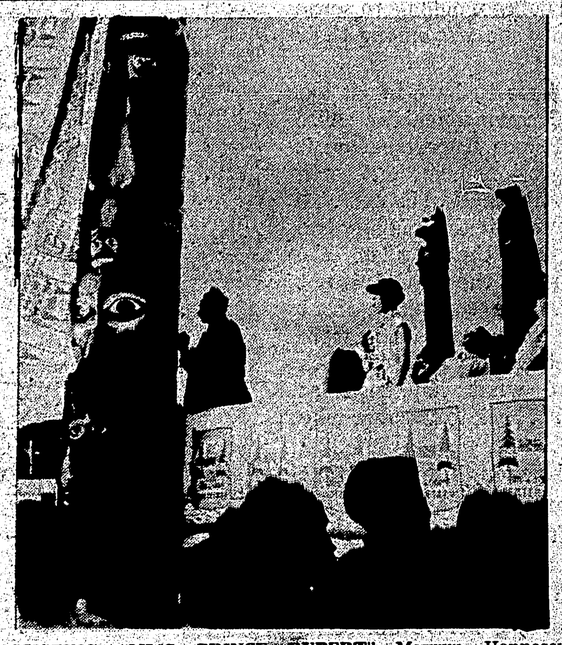
BEWILDERING SWITCH

The Soviet leader's bewildering switch in policy—the latest in a series of twists and turns over the last three weeks—has officials guessing. Most say he probably finally rejected Western proposals for a summit meeting in the UN Secuurity Council on the insistence of Communist China.

In his 10-page letter to Eisenhower, Khrushchev denounced the Security Council as an instrument of the United States, asserted that Red China should be brought into the UN and told Eisenhower that Khrushchev was instructing his ambassador in New York to ask at once for an extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly.

"COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE"

The president gave his reply in a statement Tuesday night, saying that "the General Assembly is completely acceptable" to him. Eisenhower added that he was instructing Henry Cabot Lodge to seek Security Council action at once on an American resolution to put the immediate Middle East problems before the General Assembly.



ASSISTING "MISS PRINCE RUPERT" Merwyn Hennesey (centre) in the unveiling of the "Wolf Totem" pole is J. A. Martin, pictured on stage, left, as heads raised to watch the ceremony during the opening of the Museum of Northern British Columbia, Saturday night. The erection of the new building was Prince Rupert's Centennial project. Mr. Martin handled the construction for Northwest Construction.
—Photo courtesy of J. R. Wrathall.

Federal probe asked by labor council

In the middle of a special city council committee investigation into Sunday's Centennial Riot, the Kitimat-Kemano Labor Council has exploded a bomb by demanding a federal investigation of alleged "injustice and cruelty" suffered by prisoners after the uprising.

While the city's special committee is expected to come up with at least two definite recommendations, the labor council last night protested to Justice Minister Fulton about conditions under which it said prisoners were detained pending court appearance.

The council wired the minister demanding an investigation after hearing reports which it said indicated "injustice and cruelty" was suffered by many of the 40 prisoners in Prince Rupert jail.

Meanwhile, it appears to be the consensus that the local committee will bring in two recommendations:

● **It will ask for a royal commission inquiring into the status of Indians, with a special view towards more complete integration into the community and towards distribution of liquor.**

● **It will suggest to the RCMP to use "no more force than necessary" in enforcing the law.**

These recommendations appeared to be shaping up as the special committee entered its second session today. Yesterday four complaints were heard.

The riot Sunday, during which more than 20 persons were injured and 40 arrested, has been blamed on the large influx of visitors to the Centennial celebrations as well as on liquor consumption.

Earlier complaints about handling of the riot on part of police were answered by City Council with a vote of confidence for RCMP.

Council in an emergency session set up a committee, consisting of Mayor Peter J. Lester, City Clerk-Comptroller R. W. Long and Alderman Norman Bellis, to look into all circumstances regarding the riot and make recommendations for prevention of any re-occurence.

FLOOR FOR BED

The Kitimat-Kemano Labor Council's telegram to the justice minister said that "six persons were kept in a three-man cell with little or no toilet facilities and concrete floor for bed."

"Persons arrested indiscriminately were unable to communicate with families or legal counsel."

Mayor Lester, commenting on the telegram, said today overcrowding was "unfortunately necessary due to the large number of arrests."

CITY KNOWS SCORE

The mayor added that the city is well aware of and deeply concerned with their inadequate lockup facilities. He said that as recently as July 29 Premier Bennett and Attorney-General Robert Bonner were escorted through the lockups and asked for assistance in obtaining more adequate lockup facilities.

The city is currently negotiating with the federal government for purchase of the present Federal Building as a new city hall, containing a more specious lockup.

"Under the circumstances Saturday night, overcrowding was unfortunately necessary," the mayor said.

The labor council also called for an investigation in view of reports that United States naval shore patrols took part in quelling the disturbance. Earlier reports on the same matter have been vigorously denied by Inspector H. E. Bloxham, RCMP officer in charge of the police force during the riot.

The council's message was signed by council president E. R. Rodda who said the organization had received reports from relatives of local residents arrested in Prince Rupert.

As to the riot trials which will resume Friday, Crown Prosecutor A. Bruce Brown indicated today that some of the 40 persons arrested may be charged under the more serious sections of the Criminal Code usually referred to as the Riot Act.

Mr. Brown did not say when the charges would be laid and how many would be charged. Police are still gathering evidence in connection with these charges.

MAXIMUM LIFE

Section 67 of the criminal code provides for a maximum sentence of two years for rioting, and section 69b places a maximum life term on a charge of failing to disperse peacefully 30 minutes after reading of a proclamation regarding the riot act.

Thirty-five persons have been charged so far under the least serious section of the riot act, which is "being a member of an unlawful assembly."

Yesterday afternoon in police court, Walter Grandison of Hazelton pleaded guilty to causing a disturbance by fighting and was fined $50 or in default of payment sentenced to one month in jail. He was remanded without plea until August 13 on a charge of escaping from custody.

Two women, Maggie Good and Irene Grandison, were each fined $50 or in default of payment sentenced to one month in jail when they pleaded guilty to causing a disturbance by fighting.

Residential building increased

Residential construction in Prince Rupert last month showed an increase of $54,550 over the July 1957 figure of $8,500 Building inspector J. C. Ewart reported today.

Mr. Ewart said that he issued permits for five new houses valued at $63,050 last month, as compared to one permit of $8,500 in July, 1957.

In the seven-month period this year there were 342 building permits issued valued at $788,173, a drop of $94,583 from last year's seven month period which was $882,756.

New residential houses, additions, alterations and repairs, commercial and other general repairs totalled 59 permits valued at $196,810 for the month of July this year, an increase of $19,794 over last year's total of 56 permits at $177,016.

The seven-month total for 28 new residential permits was $337,550 for this year, while last year's seven-month total was 30 permits valued at $369,900, which is a drop of $32,350.

CONSIDER CUTS

VICTORIA (CP) — Reduced timber cuts are in store next year in tree farm licence areas which have suffered heavy timber losses, Forests Minister Ray Williston said Tuesday.

Forest closure lifted as rainfall continues

The general forest closure was lifted from Prince Rupert forest district at midnight Monday after heavy rainfall soaked coastal areas for three days. The closure was lifted by Dr. C. D. Orchard, deputy minister of forests.

The area that was closed July 18 and is now open is the land west of a line from the Bear Lake drainage area in Northern British Columbia to the Meziadin Lake region down through to Alyansh, to Remo 10 miles west of Terrace, to the southwest end of Morice Lake to the Bella Coola and Rivers Inlet drainage areas. The Queen Charlotte Islands are also included.

District Forester Percy Young said that there are 56 fires still burning in the Prince Rupert Forest district. He said fighting crews are being reduced as the fires are brought under control.

He said there will be no total layoff of men until the fires are completely under control.

A total of 617 men are still fighting fires in the district. Out of the 617 there are 123 company men.

Mr. Young said the reason for having such a large number of men fighting the fires is because they are being moved from one place to another to get the fires under control faster.

Last week, there were 74 fires burning with a total of 703 men fighting the blazes.

Estimated cost of fires to date for the Prnce Rupert district is $265,370. Total number of fires recorded to August 1 is 208.

With the closure lifted in the Prince Rupert forest district the Columbia Cellulose picnic site at Kloiya Bay is now open to the public.

PUBLIC AGAINST STRIKES, VANCOUVER SURVEY SHOWS

VANCOUVER (CP)—A special poll conducted for the Vancouver Board of Trade indicates that the public is turning a critical eye on organized labor.

Western surveys—Research Limited conducted the poll of a representative group of 507 men and women in Vancouver and Victoria earlier this year.

A majority of those polled said union demands are excessive, most strikes are not justified and organized labor is being unwisely led.

75-man posse hunting suspect in shooting

WEST SUMMERLAND, B.C. (CP)—A posse of 25 RCMP and 50 civilians armed with rifles, shotguns or revolvers were to resume a search of this fruit-growing district at dawn today for a man who shot a Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman Tuesday afternoon.

The search was called off late Tuesday night after several leads proved fruitless. All-night roadblocks were maintained and rail bridges guarded as patrols moved along backronds hoping to find the suspect.

Cpl. Ralph Brown of the Summerland RCMP detachment was reported in good condition in Summerland hospital with bullet wounds in the back of his neck, his hand, and arm.

The shooting took place at nearby Garnet Valley, 10 miles north of the Okanagan Valley centre of Penticton and 20 miles north of the small community of Kaleden, where a young woman was found murdered 30 hours earlier. Police would not confirm reports that Cpl. Brown was interviewing a suspect in connection with the murder of Anita Budde, 26, when he was shot. Miss Budde was beaten to death.

HIDING ON MOUNTAIN

Police said Tuesday night they believe the gunman is hiding in a bush area on the slopes of Cartwright Mountain, west of here.

One man earlier reported to police that a man answering the description of the suspect asked for directions and disappeared into the bush three miles south of Summerland.

At least three shots were fired at Cpl. Brown. One went through the base of his skull and the upper part of his neck and one through his hand and into his arm. A third slug was found inside his car.

Police said they have not yet interviewed Cpl. Brown. They began searching for the suspect after finding a wallet in the front seat of the policeman's car.

Police said they had been looking for the gunman, believed to be a transient fruit picker, since Monday.

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EVENING SUNLIGHT is shown breaking through the day's rain clouds Saturday night to ceremoniously mark the opening of Prince Rupert's Centennial project, the Museum of Northern British Columbia. The ultra-modern streamlined building pictured in background received the approval of thousands of residents and visitors during the dedication, presided by Centennial chairman Dr. R. G. Large. Former district Indian Agent Frank Anfield cut the ribbon.
—Photo courtesy of J. R. Wrathall.

FOCUS WAS ON THE HARBOR earlier Saturday as thousands of citizens and visitors watched the afternoon Port Day races from various vantage points along the waterfront. Speedboat "U-24" pictured in centre has skipper Douglas Souter, 13, at the wheel, who said "we trailed all the way; Ketchikan took all the prizes, but we sure had fun." With him is Roy Holland. Proving that surf-board riding is popular is Robert Armstrong with Jimmy Murdoch and Robert Erikson, extreme left.
—Photo courtesy of J. R. Wrathall.

Blood donor clinic here for two days

A plea for public support in the Red Cross blood donor clinic, being staged here tomorrow and Friday, was made today by Prince Rupert branch blood campaign chairman, E. T. Applewhaite.

With the pledged support of the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society and city organizations, all that remains for a successful operation is the support of public volunteers, Mr. Applewhaite said today.

"Volunteers are urgently required as blood donors," he sad. "There's no substitute for human blood in surgery, and the treatment of shock, wounds and many other diseases. It is the difference between life and death," he said.

Here under the administration of the provincial branch of the Red Cross, the clinic arrives in the city tomorrow afternoon and will be officially open to the public at 6:30 p.m. in the Civic Centre auditorium.

The clinic remains open until 9:30 p.m. Friday's hours are from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

A car pool has been organized by members of the Prince Rupert

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WEATHER—

Cloudy with showers Thursday. Little change in temperature. Winds southwest 15. [illegible] perature. Winds southwest 15. Low tonight and high tomorrow 53 and 60.

TIDES—

Thursday, August 7, 1958
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High	06:12	15.5 feet
	18:30	17.6 feet
Low	00:15	7.6 feet
	12:07	8.4 feet