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Billion dollars for highways in 1960s pledged by Bennett

Agreement deadline at midnight

With the deadline for negotiated settlement of contracts between school trustees and teachers under the new Public Schools Act set for midnight tonight, a full membership meeting of Prince Rupert Teachers association was scheduled for late this afternoon.

The membership meeting was slated to vote on a complete proposal presented by the District 52 school board.

Following the vote, a further meeting between the negotiating committees of the board and the teachers is likely tonight.

If the teachers agree to the proposals then the agreement will be signed at the earliest possible moment.

If no agreement is reached by midnight then both trustees and teachers have until November 5 to appoint their conciliators.

School board chairman W. J. Scott said today that "negotiations this year had been more pleasant than ever before."

Port Essington school slated to be reopened

The school at Port Essington, at the mouth of the Skeena River is to be reopened, Mrs. M. M. Roper, secretary-treasurer of District 52 school board said today.

Mrs. Roper said that Superintendent of Schools J. M. Philippson had checked on a report that there were 10 children there in need of schooling and that the school would be automatically reopened. The school was closed last term after the school population dropped below the required 10.

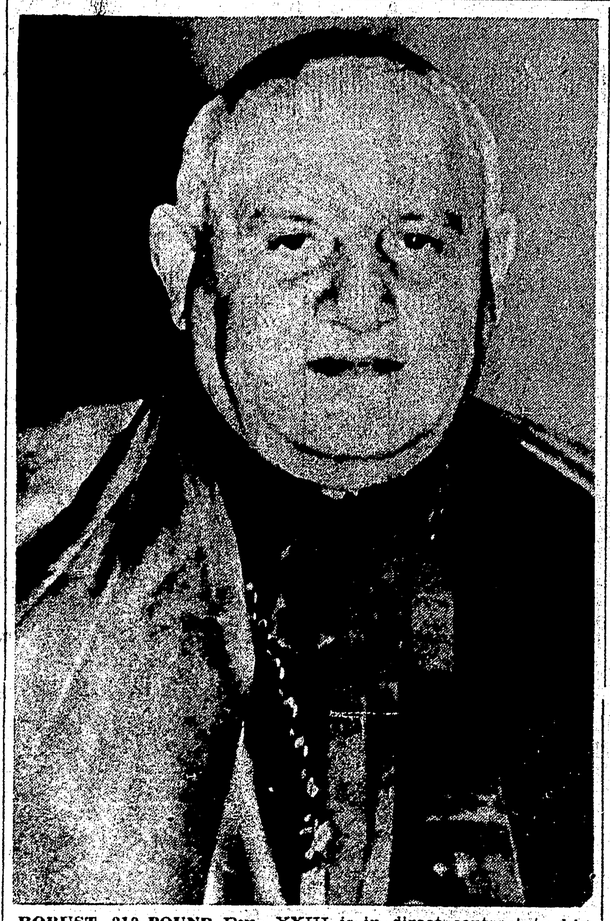
Appointed to teach at the school is Roderick Harrison of Edmonton, who is expected to arrive in the district early next week with his wife.

Prince to visit disaster site

SPRINGHILL, N.S. (CP)—Prince Philip is on his way to this grief-stricken town.

The prince, en route to London from a meeting of the English-Speaking Union in Ottawa, will break his journey to meet and talk to people of the town. He will visit the colliery pithead where early Thursday 12 men were brought out alive after enduring 6½ days trapped deep underground and also the hospital where they are recuperating.

The known death toll in last week's upheaval in the Cumberland No. 2 colliery is 32. The 32nd body was brought to the surface early today. Of the 174 men buried in the upheaval, a total of 93 survived. Another 49 are missing.



ROBUST, 210-POUND Pope XXIII is in direct contrast to his predecessor Pope Pius XII. Former Cardinal Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, 76, who was elected the 262nd pontiff of the Roman Catholic church Tuesday, was born in Sotto il Monte, one of 12 children of a peasant family. Eugenio Pacelli, his predecessor, was born of a noble Roman family, was slender, frail ascetic. In the narrow streets of Sotto il Monte, which means "Long the Mountain, children danced and shouted this week "Long life to Roncalli. Long live the Pope."
— Associated Press Photo.

Peace River hydro firm registered

VICTORIA (CP) — A hydro development company was incorporated here Thursday in connection with Wenner-Gren Explorations in north-central British Columbia.

Peace River Power Development Company Limited, with an authorized maximum capital of $20,000,000 was registered at the government companies office through the Vancouver legal firm of Campney, Owen and Murphy.

"This is in connection with the Wenner-Gren Company," said William Murphy, a director of the Wenner-Gren Development Company (B.C.) Ltd.

NO OTHER COMMENT

"That is the only statement I can make.

"Any other statement will have to come from Bernard Gore, (executive of the Swedish industrial firm.) He is in England and won't be back until November."

NO DETAILS

Documents related to the registration of the new firm did not specify who would be directors nor name backers. The application for incorporation was signed by two stenographers of the legal firm, listed as one-share stockholders.

THE CAT'S MEOW is music to the ears of Sparky the dog, who baby-sits with two young kittens at Lecompton, Kan. The five-year-old pooch, part shepherd, plays father to 11 cats in the household of Mrs. Eva M. Holt, as well as a flock of chickens and a herd of 10 goats.

Rally speech like election address

By AL MARKLE
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VANCOUVER (CP)—A crowd of about 1,800 at a Social Credit rally here Thursday night heard an address by Premier Bennett which had all the earmarks of an election campaign speech.

He spoke in the Convention Hall, site of the annual Social Credit League convention which runs through Saturday.

The crowd heard Premier Bennett, at the peak of his colorful speaking form:

● Promise $1,000,000,000 will be spent on B.C. roads during the 1960s.

● Promise a dramatic announcement within 15 days concerning the giant Wenner-Gren hydroelectric system in the Peace River area.

● Announce the appointment of a committee to study the need for a second bridge over the First Narrows of Burrard Inlet at Vancouver.

● Warn B.C. labor and business bosses that they "can't boss this government."

● Hint at an early election and then warn that it wasn't to be taken as a hint.

CARNIVAL SPIRIT

The crowd, lured to the rally by rumors of a major announcement by the premier, were treated to a carnival atmosphere.

Hundreds of pennants were strung across the roof, flags draped the platform and huge, smiling portraits of the premier flanked it. A tube band played lustily, balloons popped and fire-crackers snapped to start the rally.

Mr. Bennett said as long as he is premier he will continue to talk finances to the people "because they are shareholders of this province." He challenged his financial critics "to dare to say" he was transferring direct debt to indirect debt in order to give the appearances of paying off the provincial debt.

DEBT-FREE IN 1959

He repeated his promise that B.C. will be debt-free by next year.

The 1960s would be B.C.'s "greatest decade" and the projected roads expenditure would only be a start.

"The time is ripe for great development in this province. We're going to put this province in high gear and then you are going to really see action."

He said the $1,000,000,00 would not include federal contributions for highways.

The Peace River hydro-electric project planned by Swedish financier Axel Wenner-Gren would be one of the greatest of its kind in the world.

Other power projects, on the Columbia River, would go ahead as soon as the question of downstream benefits was settled.

SOLVE SPAWNING PROBLEM

Premier Bennett said there will be no power projects on the Fraser River until the problem of spawning fish is solved, but at that time they would go ahead "forthwith."

His election hint came when he said that if the continued criticism of his government kept up, "we might take the government to the people a lot earlier than some people think."

He paused and said: "But that's not the threat of an election." The government's present term expires in 1961, but 1960 has been picked as the most likely election year.

Girl hurt slightly in mishap

A seven-year-old city girl, Anita Arduini of 105 Elizabeth Apartments is reported in "good condition" today after she was in collision last night with a car driven by Hans Martinussen of 640 Fulton Street, RCMP reported today.

The accident occurred on the corner of Second Avenue and Fourth Street about 5 p.m. yesterday.

The little girl was taken to the Prince Rupert General Hospital by city ambulance and treated for abrasions and lacerations. She is expected to be released tomorrow.

Anita is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arduini of 105 Elizabeth Apartments.

Remand given in case after mishap

Victor Lloyd Welch, of 223 Eleventh Avenue East was remanded until November 3 by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite in city police cuort this morning on a charge of failing to yield the right of way at an intersection.

Welch's car was in collision with a car driven by Donald Scherk of 747 Seventh Avenue West at the intersection of McBride Street and Sixth Avenue, September 21. He pleaded not guilty October 18 and has been remanded on several occasions since.

Damage to each vehicle was estimated at $400.

Also in city police court this morning Roderick Malcolm Bruce of 875 Borden Street was fined $10, costs or in default of payment sentenced to five days in jail when he pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to produce a drivers licence at the request of an RCMP officer.

Bruce was checked by police in Hope and had his case waived to city police court here.

DELEGATES WARNED

Hospitals face trouble on equipment payments

VANCOUVER (CP)—B.C. hospitals are in danger of running into serious financial trouble over payments for equipment approved before national hospital insurance was introduced in July.

Dr. George Elliott, assistant provincial health officer, told the B.C. Hospitals Association Thursday equipment for in-patient care must be delivered and paid for by December 15.

This equipment is being paid for on the basis of 40 per cent by federal grant, 20 per cent by the B.C. Hospital Insurance Service and 40 per cent by the community.

Dr. Elliott said the federal grant has been superseded by national hospital insurance and unless accounts for the equipment were received from the hospitals by December it was going to be impossible to have them processed by December 31, when the grants end.

"If the accounts are not submitted in time, someone is going to have to find the 40 per cent share under the federal grant," he said. "I feel positive you will be in trouble financially if you do not get these purchases completed prior to Dec. 15."

Dr. Elliott said later the federal grant share of equipment now being purchased amounts to approximately $120,000.

Dr. Elliott told the delegates federal grants to 66 B.C., acute hospitals, excluding hospital construction, have amounted to just under $3,000,800 in the last 10 years.

For agencies outside the province including health services such as cancer, arthritis, rehabilitation, federal grants have been close to $5,000,000.

"It's evident these grants have been well spread around," he commented.

Two CCFers have trouble with transport

KITIMAT (CP) — Two CCF representatives came close to 'riding the rods" to get to a party rally here.

Robert Strachan, B.C. opposition leader, and Frank Howard, MP Skeena, were en route here late Wednesday when they discovered at Terrace that the Kitimat-Terrace road was washed out.

The only available transportation was a Canadian National freight train, which itself was delayed by a mud slide. The 40-mile trip took seven hours.

In addition, Mr. Strachan and Mr. Howard were charged a first-class fare for the trip—for riding the caboose.

CLIMAX NEAR

First verdict slated in Sommers case today

VANCOUVER (CP)—The first climax in a long courtroom drama may come later today in an assize court jury's verdict on conspiracy charges against a former provincial government minister and a number of prominent timber executives and companies.

Jury Foreman Eric Miller told Mr. Justice J. O. Wilson Thursday night there was no hope of reaching a verdict then. At that point the jury of nine men and three women had had the case for six hours—counting two hours they were at supper. Courtroom sittings lasted 74 days.

In fact, the foreman said, the jury might "take the best part of tomorrow" to reach a verdict on the alleged conspiracy revolving around former forests minister Robert Sommers.

Sommers resigned from the cabinet in 1956 but still represents Rossland-Trail in the legislature. Charged with him are timber company executives H. W. Gray and John Gray, timber engineer C. D. Schultz and his company of the same name, Pacific Coast Services Ltd., Evergreen Lumber Sales and the multi-million dollar firm of B.C. Forest Products Ltd., established here by the E. P. Taylor interests of Toronto.

The Crown charges they conspired to bribe the former minister for favor in the issuance of forest management licences and that thousands of dollars changed hands. All have pleaded not guilty. The defence has been that monies going to Sommers while a cabinet member were honest loans from his friend H. W. Gray, that they were covered by notes and repaid.

Mr. Justice Wilson told the jury he felt a strong feature of the Crown's case was that alleged loans to Sommers were not paid by cheque in the normal way, but by cash, telegraphic transfers or bonds. As for John Gray, he felt "if he was an actor in this drama he was a minor one."

In his closing remarks, he told the jurors intelligent society does not work on the school-boy mentality that one doesn't tell on one's friends. And there was no reflection on chief crown witness Charles Eversfield laying the case before the attorney-general in December, 1955 on the strength of documents he had taken from Pacific files, providing he was telling the truth.

But he warned that Eversfield, former Pacific bookkeeper, was probably an accomplice and it would be dangerous to convict on the uncorroborated evidence of an accomplice. The jury should look for corroborating evidence.

Two RCN frigates, the HMCS New Waterford and the HMCS Jonquiere will be open to the public from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Lt. Ronald Orton CD, RCN, staff officer of HMCS Chatham reported today.

The Jonquiere arrived in Prince Rupert yesterday afternoon and the New Waterford is expected to arrive at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Both ships will berth at the Canadian National Railways dock.

Approximately 250 teachers expected to attend northern district parley

A record atendance of approximately 250 teachers is expected for the Northern District Teachers convention to be held in Prince Rupert November 6, 7, and 8, John H. Steele, convention chairman said today.

School children will get a holiday next Friday so that teachers will be able to attend the three-day conference which will see 20 teachers coming from Ocean Falls, 13 from the Queen Charlotte Islands, teachers from Annunciation School and Indian schools attend besides those from Prince Rupert and Kitimat districts.

The Queen Charlotte Islands teachers are chartering a plane to make the trip, Mr. Steele, principal of Roosevelt Park school said.

A panel discussion, an address by Dr. Brock Chisholm and the largest and most varied display of children's books ever shown in the northern district will be highlights featured during the conference.

The convention will be officially and publicly opened at 8 p.m. Thursday, November 6, with Ernest McKeown, principal of Port Edward school and president of the Prince Rupert Teachers association giving the opening address.

Teachers from Prince Rupert, Terrace, Kitimat, the Queen Charlotes, Smithers and Ocean Falls also will be welcomed by Mayor P. J. Lester on behalf of the city and W. J. Scott chairman of District 52 school board on behalf of the trustees.

Mr. Steele said that R. G. Moore will be moderator for the panel discussion on "How to Improve Our Schools" Thursday night. Members of the panel are H. N. Parrott, president of the B.C. Teachers Federation; C. B. Conway, director of the Department of Education's Tests and Measures division; L. S. McGill, manager of administration at Columbia Cellulose Company Ltd., Watson Island and J. R. Ayres, editor of The Prince Rupert Daily News.

JOHN H. STEELE
. . . Convention convener,

The public is also invited to hear Dr. Chisholm speak on "Education for Survival" at 11 a.m. Friday, November 7 in Booth Memorial High school.

The book display, which will include text books, workbooks and library books from the Grade 1 to the Grade 12 level, will be shown in the Booth Memorial High school activity room on Friday and Saturday November 7 and 8.

Work sessions will be held by the teachers on all three days with the conference expected to wind up about noon Saturday.

Also to be featured will be a display of paintings supplied through the courtesy of the Prince Rupert Art club. The paintings will be in Booth activity room where coffee will be served Thursday night after the panel discussion. Robin Pearce, of the department of extension at UBC will be on hand to discuss the paintings.

PIPEFITTERS, ELECTRICIANS NEEDED FOR POOL NEXT WEEK

Work on the Civic Centre swimming pool project is progressing steadily at steel work for the pool walkways is being laid, E. P. O'Neal chairman of the swimming pool publicity committee reported today.

Mr. O'Neal said that pipefitting and some electrical work will be carried out during the coming week.

Approximately six pipefitters and at least two electricians in addition to three or four laborers are required for each night, Mr. O'Neal said.

A large sign has been made up indicating the progress on the pool and will be erected on Monday in the Post Office grounds.

The sign was painted by George E. Hills and permission for the sign to be erected was granted by the Department of Public Works, Mr. O'Neal said.

WANTED — An international search has been launched for Boyne Johnston, 25-year-old chief teller of the Imperial Bank of Canada in Ottawa, wanted in connection with the disappearance of almost $250,000 on cash from the bank. Johnston, five-feet seven-inches and 135 pounds, had worked at the bank for seven years. —CP Photo.

WEATHER—

Gale warning in effect. Cloudy today and Saturday with rain beginning Saturday morning. A little cooler. Winds southeast 30 Saturday morning. Low tonight and high Saturday 42 and 52.

TIDES—

Saturday, November 1, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	03:50	18.4 feet
	15:40	19.7 feet
Low	00:44	3.0 feet
	22:24	5.3 feet

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