WEATHER
Cloudy with rain tonight. Winds southeasterly 30 this evening shifting to southwesterly early Tuesday morning. The low tonight and high Tuesday at Port Hardy 50 and 62, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 50 and 58.

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TIDES
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High	11:55	17.0 feet
	23:37	20.5 feet
Low	5:41	4.1 feet
	17:32	8.0 feet

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14 Persons Die, Four Survive In Plane Crash At Port Hardy

Stewart Road Grant Offered

Diefenbaker Announces Plan

OTTAWA (CP)— John Diefenbaker, Canada's new prime minister, announced on Saturday that the federal government is offering to contribute towards the completion of a 250-mile highway between Cassiar and Stewart.

The federal proposal is a grant of up to $1,500,000 a year on a 50-50 basis with the provincial government.

Soon after making this announcement, Mr. Diefenbaker left Ottawa to attend the Commonwealth prime ministers' conference, which opens in London on Wednesday.

The 61-year-old Saskatchewan lawyer who became prime minister last Friday left Ottawa on the RCAF's luxury C-5 transport aircraft.

Before taking off Sunday with his official delegation, including Maj.-Gen. G. R. Pearkes, VC, new defence minister, Mr. Diefenbaker said the Commonwealth has opportunities equal to any in the past to assure and maintain freedom.

In a broadcast address Saturday night, Mr. Diefenbaker pledged himself to the service of Canadians in the belief "that the preservation of human dignity and the extension of human betterment are the foundation and keystone of good government."

Earlier Saturday, following a morning cabinet meeting, Mr. Diefenbaker filled—on an acting basis—five portfolios that were left open for the time being when his government took office Friday.

He told his second press conference in two days:

1. Justice Minister Davie Fulton will be acting minister of citizenship and immigration.

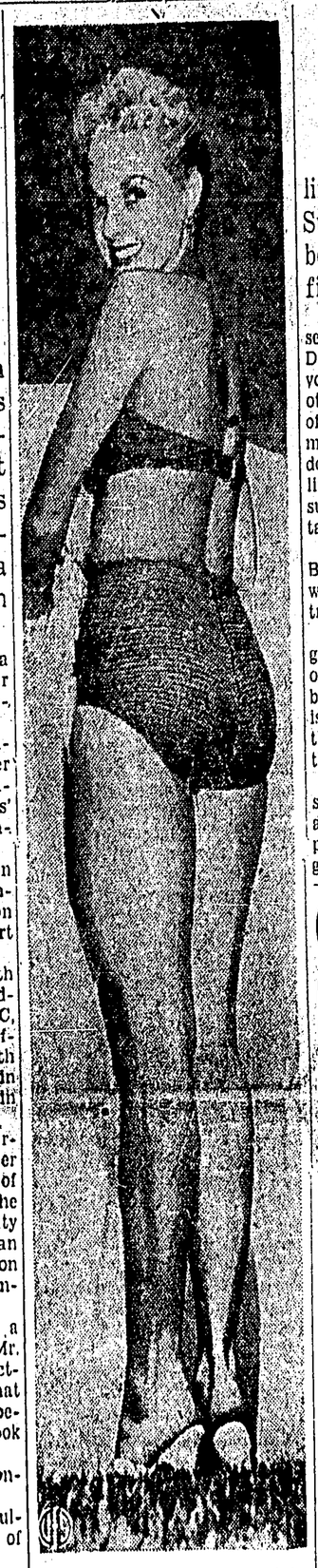
2. Northern Affairs Minister Douglas Harkness will be acting agriculture minister, a post Mr. Diefenbaker is expected to fill on a permanent basis soon after his return from London July 6.

3. Solicitor-General Leon Balcer will be acting minister of mines and technical surveys.

4. Veterans Affairs Minister Col. A. J. Brooks will be acting minister of national health and welfare.

5. Public Works Minister Howard Green, who will be acting prime minister in Mr. Diefenbaker's absence, will be acting minister of defence production.

6. Revenue Minister George Nowlan will be acting defence minister in Gen. Pearkes' absence to London.



THERE WON'T be any eyefuls such as the one above, in the July 1, Elks Dominion Day celebrations, so far as he can see at the moment, Arthur Murray, publicity chairman for the Elks Flag day said today. Mr. Murray couldn't see very well because his eyes were full of tears. He said he didn't know whether it was because Prince Rupert girls were bashful, over modest or "just didn't have it," but he felt it was a crying shame there would be no beauty contest next Monday. Only contestant to enter thus far, withdrew, he said. Girl above, incidentally, is Jeanne Malone of Atlanta, Georgia.

DC-3 Nose-Dives On Return Landing

PORT HARDY (CP)—A Pacific Western Airlines plane, returning to land shortly after taking off Sunday from the busy-but-remote Port Hardy airport, bounced high off the runway and then plunged nose first into the ground.

The pilot, co-pilot and 12 passengers died as the twin-engined DC-3 burned fiercely. The youthful stewardess and three other passengers from the rear of the plane made their way almost unhurt through a rear door as flames and burning gasoline sprayed the field and consumed all of the aircraft but its tail.

"It came straight down," said Bill Krause, an airport worker who saw the crash. "The controls must have frozen."

Pacific Western, the third largest air service in Canada with operation from the United States border to the Arctic Circle, later issued a statement implying that negligence may have been the cause of the crash.

Early reports, the company said, indicate the "cause of the accident was the failure of some personnel to remove one of the ground control blocks which are always placed on the tail assembly of the aircraft." The wooden blocks hold the tail elevators in position and would stop the elevators from working properly if left in position after the plane took off.

The department of transport had inspectors on the scene within a short time of the crash. An inquest was scheduled for today, with the witnesses to include the four survivors.

WAS GOLF CHAMPION

At the plane's controls when it took off about 3:15 p.m. PDT was Capt. Gerald W. Allen, 37, of Richmond, B.C. His co-pilot was Laurie Roland, 23, of Vancouver, a three-time winner of the British Columbia junior open golf championship and Canadian titlist in 1951.

The third crew member was Patricia Wilson, 23, of Vancouver, a native of Regina who joined PWA 15 months ago.

The passenger list included two RCAF technicians, one woman and a group of loggers and forest workers.

The plane was bound for Vancouver, 190 miles southeast of this northern Vancouver Island community.

BOUNCED OFF RUNWAY

"It appeared to be a normal take-off," said airport worker Krause, who watched it from outside his nearby home. "He got into the air and then he radioed for permission to land again . . ."

"He said he was having trouble with his elevators. He came down, bounced off the runway and veered into the air again to between 300 or 400 feet.

"The plane suddenly banked to the left and then nosed over. It came straight down."

Another airport worker, Bill Porter, said Capt. Allen was asked by the control tower whether he wanted the crash wagon to stand by.

"He said no, that he was in control," said Porter. "He was, too, at that time."

HEARD SCREAMS

Peter Onushko, 27-year-old Edmonton electrician and one of the four survivors, said the screams of one of the passengers could be heard after he and the others got out.

"I went back as far as I could," Onushko said. "The flames were coming fast then. It was pretty hot."

"I could see someone trying to get down to the door and I tried to get to him. It was no use."

Others who escaped were John Kimdrat of Moose Jaw, Sask., and Salvatore Dardeno, 28, of Vancouver.

Following is a list of victims in the crash:

Capt. Gerald W. Allen, 37, pilot, Richmond, B.C.

Lawrence D. Roland, 24, co-pilot, Vancouver.

LAC R. J. Waite, 20, RCAF station at Holberg, B.C.

LAC J. A. O. Gibson, 30, RCAF station at Sea Island, Vancouver.

J. Leybourn, Mahatta River, B.C.

M. Rutkowski, Mahatta River, B.C.

A. Boyko, Mahatta River, B.C.

J. Bowler, Mahatta River, B.C.

A. Plummer, Coal Harbor, B.C.

Mrs. J. Cavers, Port Alice, B.C.

L. Turcotte, Port McNeil, B.C.

David Varney, Vancouver.

Lee Connie, Port Alice, B.C.

Overlooked Block Crash Cause

VANCOUVER (CP)— Pacific Western Airlines said Sunday night it appeared from preliminary reports that a ground control block was left on the tail assembly of a PWA DC-3 which crashed earlier at Port Hardy, B.C., killing 14 of the 18 persons aboard.

In a prepared statement released to the press, the airline said:

"It appears from early reports obtained from company officials that the cause of the accident was the failure of some personnel to remove one of the ground control blocks which are always placed on the tail assembly of the aircraft.

"Immediately following take-off, Capt. Allen (pilot Gerald W. Allen) reported by radio he was not satisfied with the feel of the aircraft and was returning to base for a checkup. When he came back to land the accident occurred.

"The company will await an official investigation and finding by the Department of Transport officials who now are on the scene."

GORDON S. READE, representing Canadian Legion branch 27, is shown above after presenting trophy to Air Cadet Gerald Oaky, right, for being the best first-year cadet in the Prince Rupert Air Cadet squadron No. 559. In photo below Wing Commander J. V. Watts, officer commanding RCAF station at Sea Island is shown reading citation to Air Cadet Corporal Dale Turcotte who received a plaque for being the most outstanding cadet of the year. Presentations followed annual inspection, march-past and precision drill for inspecting team from Vancouver. Other pictures Page 6.
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Weather Halts Regatta But Racers Game to End

By MEINHART LAGIES
Daily News Staff Writer

Pouring rain, rough seas and motor trouble for many boats took the edge off the Prince Rupert Outboard Association's second regatta of the season but 500 boat racing fans lining the CNR dock Sunday afternoon saw some racing.

Wind and rain were so adverse that the officials considered cancelling the event, but the participants would have none of it.

However, as conditions grew worse during the afternoon, the scheduled eight races had to be cut down to three.

In the 10 to 12 horsepower class, D. Vaale's speed on the long stretches nullified the lead Bob Armstrong had gained cornering the buoys, and Vaale won by one-eighth of the one-mile lap.

Waldbauer was distant third, ahead of Gordon Ronson. D. Martin conked out with motor trouble after the first of three laps.

The race for 12 to 20 hp boats over four laps was a one-sided affair with Pat Wilson beating Wally Balanger and Bill Rothwell by a quarter of a mile.

In the 20 to 30 hp class, Cliff Klages found himself without an opponent when Larry Eby couldn't get his motor started. Racing only against the clock, he started simultaneously with class X, (above 30 hp.)

In that class, Chris Harvey finished half a lap ahead of Frank Baldwin. After completion of the first lap, Larry Eby entered the race, though he had no chance of winning, to gain the points given for starting and finishing.

The race for boats with six hp-and-under concluded the day.

Randy Baldwin led all the way and he crossed the finishing line three quarters of a lap ahead of his only opponent, Edward Cottorel.

OUTSIDE ENTRIES WELCOME FOR PET PARADE NEXT MONDAY

A child from Lucy Island has made sure that the children's pet parade July 1 includes outside entries, Arthur Murray, publicity chairman for the Elks Flag Day and Dominion Day celebrations said today.

He said that the Elks had received a query from a little girl on the tiny island asking if she could enter her two goats in the pet parade.

Mr. Murray said that he had assured her that it was not only possible but that she was most welcome.

In other celebrations news, Mr. Murray said that it had been confirmed that the Kincolith band would be in the parade next Monday, marking a first time that a Native band had taken part in the celebrations since the Elks Lodge revived July 1 festivities. Other parade music will be provided by the HMCS Chatham Navy band.

Scheduled to be brought in from the Calgary Stampede is a horse for Mayor George E. Hills to ride at the head of the parade.

Also to be imported will be a variety of domestic animals to form the ever-popular children's zoo in Algoma Park.

Only six floats have been entered so far, Mr. Murray said, and more are needed. The Elks will pay the premiums to insure the floats.

Local 708, the Elks and U.S. Coast Guard are lined up for tugs-of-war. Another team is wanted so that there can be two tug-of-war events.

"Oldtimer" Found Shot At Rose Lake

A 70-year-old man was found dead with a bullet in his body in a cabin at Rose Lake yesterday, RCMP at sub-division in Prince Rupert reported today.

Gustav Miller, termed a "real oldtimer" by RCMP, was discovered when Burns Lake game warden Richmond inspected Miller's cabin after he had been four days overdue on his monthly trip for supplies to Burns Lake.

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$1,811 Damages Awarded In "Golden Staph" Death

VICTORIA (CP)— Special and general damages of $1,811 plus costs have been awarded plaintiffs in a suit against Royal Jubilee Hospital arising from a "golden staph" death.

A B.C. Supreme Court judgment handed down by Mr. Justice A. E. Lord held the hospital and ward aid Gladys Amy Tomlinson liable for burns through the fatal infection entered the system of Mrs. Myrtle Whitehead, deceased.

The suit was presented by John C. McIntosh on behalf of John Whitehead, the husband and Joan and John Whitehead, his children.

Paper Boosts Price

PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — Single copy price of the twice-weekly Prince George Citizen will jump to seven from five cents July 2.

Rising production costs were given as the cause.

Woman's Body Found in Water

Body of a woman was found early this morning floating in the water beyond the Fairview plant of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative association, RCMP reported today.

Later the body was identified as that of Mrs. Michael (Violet) Dorhok, about 32, who lived in a house near the Canadian Government elevator. She was found by Clarence Dixon.

Police said the body had been in the water about 12 hours.

Mrs. Dorhok was born in Kincolith and has lived in Prince Rupert for about 10 years.

Coroner George J. Dawes did not know whether an inquest would be held.

Pool Volunteers Now Total 297

A total of 297 pledge cards for volunteer labor on the planned Civic Centre swimming pool were turned in at 1 p.m. today, James Kilgour, publicity chairman for the pool committee, reported here.

This is an increase of 23 over last Friday's number, Mr. Kilgour said.

Ex-City Man J. Philippson Dies in South

John Philippson, former long-time resident of Prince Rupert, died at the Icelandic Old Folks Home in Vancouver on Saturday after a long illness.

Mr. Philippson, who was 80 years old, came to Canada from Iceland in 1902 and settled in Prince Rupert in 1913. In 1915 he moved to Osland on the Skeena River, where he was engaged in salmon and halibut fishing until his retirement.

Mr. Philippson is survived by his wife, Freda, in Vancouver, three sons, Oliver, North Pacific, George in Prince Rupert and Johan in Campbell River; three daughters, Mrs. H. A. (Sara) Ormiston, Victoria, Mrs. Arthur (Emma) Kristmanson, Prince Rupert and Mrs. O. (Steinna) Dogg, in Raymond, Wash. There are 13 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Funeral will be held tomorrow in Vancouver.

Drunks, Rows Net City $225

Fines totalling $225 were imposed by Magistrate W. D. Vance in City Police Court today on charges of intoxication and disturbance.

Wally Soxmith and Sanford Woods, were fined $15 each for fighting on Second Avenue West, and Francis Mulligan was fined $15 for causing a disturbance by swearing. Alternative sentence in each case was seven days in jail in default of payment.

Communist MiG Jet Fighters Violate Demarcation Line

SEOUL (Reuters)—The South Korean defence ministry said 10 Communist MiG jet fighters flew south of the demilitarized line in central Korea this morning in violation of the armistice agreement.

No hostile action was taken by the planes.

The MiGs came in three waves, the statement said.

The United Nations command last week accused the Communists in North Korea of "gross and repeated" violations of the Korean armistice, and decided to replace outmoded weapons in South Korea because the North Koreans and Chinese had already done so, in defiance of the armistice agreement of 1953.

On Saturday all South Korean troops on leave were recalled under an emergency alert. A Korean defence ministry spokesman said "the chances of a North Korean attack on South Korea are always high" and that precautionary measures were needed.

197,000 Pounds Landed Today

Three boats brought in a total of 197,000 pounds of halibut to the Prince Rupert Halibut Exchange today. Catches, with prices for medium, large and chicken sizes in brackets are as follows:

Sea Ranger, 80,000 pounds (17.8, 16.0, 11); sold to Atlin Fisheries Ltd.

Loyal, 62,000 pounds (17.7, 16.7, 11); sold to Pacific Fisheries Co. Ltd.

Aleutian Queen, 55,000 pounds (18, 17, 11); sold to B.C. Packers Ltd.