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PRIME MINISTER John Diefenbaker celebrated his 63rd birthday Thursday. He is shown looking at one of many telegrams and birthday cards he received in his office from all over the world. The flowers are the gift of his staff. —CP Photo.

Settlement appears near in longshoremen's strike

Picketing expected to end Wednesday

Picket lines are expected to be pulled Wednesday from two strike-bound grain ships here as settlement appears near in the province-wide longshoremen's dispute.

Erick Taylor, federal mediator, announced late Sunday that a provisional agreement has been reached in the 32-day strike which paralyzed all deep sea trade in British Columbia ports. Works is expected to resume Wednesday.

The two deep sea vessels tied up at the Government Grain Elevator here are the MS Pegasus and the Capetan Cardamilitis.

The 16,000-ton Pegasus has been docked at the elevator ever since Local 505 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union drew up picket lines September 3. The Capetan Cardamilitis, which arrived one day later, met with the same fate.

If a positive strike settlement is reached, the Pegasus will take on about 14,000 tons of No. 1 and No. 2 feed barley for the United Kingdom and the Capetan Cardamilitis will load 11,235 tons of the same cargo.

Terms of settlement are subject to approval by union members and by the board of the Shipping Federation of B.C. The Canadian Press news agency reports that leaders of both sides have recommended acceptance following talks with mediator Taylor all day Sunday.

The 1,500 workers involved will begin voting today. Results are expected to be known at noon Tuesday.

Certain small areas of disagreement have still to be cleared up, and if there is further difficulty over these, Mr. Taylor will return here. But the bargaining parties have agreed in principle not to let these stand in the way of resumption of work.

William Henderson, chairman of the union negotiating committee, said: "We are recommending that our members accept this settlement."

Dock workers here, at New Westminster, Chemainus, Port Alberni and Victoria walked off their jobs Aug. 21, to support demands for a wage increase and an improved pension scheme. Prince Rupert dockers subsequently walked out in sympathy.

The strike has tied up dozens of deep-sea vessels and crippled export business through B.C. ports. Cost of the strike is estimated to have been some millions of dollars, but no accurate figure was available. Up to $50,000,000 worth of goods are estimated to have been tied up.

When grain terminals here became filled, shipments from the prairies were stopped. The B.C. sugar refinery was closed down last Friday, and layoffs have been numerous in other businesses.

Wages under the proposed settlement will go up seven cents an hour immediately, another seven cents next May 31, and a further seven cents Nov. 1, 1959. In addition, there is to be retroactive payment of five cents an hour from May 21 this year to Aug. 21. The present rate is $2.57 an hour.

Both parties agreed on a non-contributory pension scheme effective for 10 years. The shipping federation will pay 16 cents per man-hour into this, and it will be "jointly and equally" administered.

NEWSPRINT MILL PRODUCTION CURTAILED BY POWELL RIVER

VANCOUVER (CP)—Powell River Company will close its newsprint mills for a few days each month because of a slump in the market, president M. J. Foley said Sunday.

"Newspapers generally have not had the business they expected and therefore they can't take the tonnage," he explained.

He said the company had already been closing its mills for a few days each holiday period.

Freedomites ask police protection

VANCOUVER (CP)—B.C.'s Sons of Freedom Doukhobors Sunday asked the federal and provincial governments for police protection for their homes and families during the remainder of their stay in Canada.

A brief, signed by six members of the Freedomite fraternal council, said Freedomites "are fully aware that a definite conspiracy does exist wherein no efforts will be spared to make us abandon our plans to migrate to the Soviet Union."

Details of the alleged conspiracy and those involved in it were not mentioned in the brief.

A brief said sect members are "finding themselves a target of extreme adverse publicity and direct intimidation."

The brief, sent to federal Justice Minister Fulton and B.C. Attorney-General Robert Bonner, added:

"We again wish to go on record by declaring in all Christian sincerity that Doukhobors coming to Canada and living here for about 60 years never did deliberately violate the Canadian laws, nor will they violate them in the future because Doukhobors, believing that Canadian laws are based on a Christian doctrine which to them was always sacred, came to this country with the purpose of fulfilling not violating them."

Meanwhile, some Freedomites continue signing forms of intent to migrate to Siberia. Officials said the forms are being signed in "trickles."

50 volunteers finish pouring of pool floor

A large step towards completion of the Civic Centre swimming pool was taken Saturday as some 50 volunteers poured over 90 cubic yards of concrete to finish the pool floor.

It was one of the largest turnouts of laborers since the start of the project, to be built entirely by volunteers.

Pool publicity chairman E. P. O'Neal attributed the success of the operation mainly to the experience of a 12-man Northwest Construction Company Limited crew which augmented a contingent of more than 40 other volunteers.

The big pour was carried out under supervision of J. A. Martin and Henry Stangbee, the new project foreman.

Tonight's team captains are Victor Norberg and Edward Prystay. They will be shooting for completion of the eight-inch cast iron drain pipe line. Their crews, who to date have specialized in steel work on the pool, will now concentrate on pipe work.

Tomorrow night's crew will be headed by Dr. L. M. Greene. On Wednesday, Morris Wayman and G. M. Currie will be team captains. Robert McKay will be on hand Wednesday from 10 a.m.

About 25 volunteers per night are required, Mr. O'Neal said.

Turning point seen in Formosa dispute

WASHINGTON (AP)—The next few days may bring the peak of crisis in the U.S.-Communist bloc conflict over Formosa.

Events pressing the crisis toward a showdown are these:

1. Resumption today in Warsaw of negotiations between Red Chinese Ambassador Wang Ping-nan and U.S. envoy Jacob Beam. Both the United States and Red China have hinted at concessions but the strings attached are totally unacceptable to the other side.

2. United Nations assembly action on Red China's bid for membership in the UN. The assembly has to act on its steering committee's decision to shelve the Red Chinese bid for another year. The debate could throw light on the opinion of various governments about the Formosa crisis and Red China's international future.

Reaction of premier Nikita Khrushchev to President Eisenhower's return of a note from Khrushchev, which told Eisenhower to pull U.S. forces out of the Formosa area or risk having them thrown out by the Chinese [illegible] documents as intemperate, abusive and personally insulting to the president.

SHOOTING DANGER

Apart from these developments in the diplomatic field, there is the continuing danger of a United States-Red Chinese military clash around the island of Quemoy. The Chinese Nationalist defenders have been under heavy Communist bombardment since Aug. 23.

Another prospective move bearing on the crisis is the issuance of a statement promised by the Eisenhower administration later this week on U.S. Formosa policy. It is to be a reply not only to Khrushchev's charges but also to those in a UN speech last week by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Many diplomats believe Red China began heating up the formosa crisis in late August in order to add force to its campaign for membership in the UN in place of Nationalist China.

$100 fine set for assault on policeman

Patrick David Steele, of Prince Rupert was fined $100 or in default of payment sentenced to two months in jail when he pleaded guilty before Deputy Magistrate S. D. Johnston in city police court Saturday to a charge of assauting a police officer in the execution of his duty.

Police told the court that Steele assaulted a police officer in the city police detachment office Friday after he had been asked several times to leave.

Steele received a further fine of $25 when he pleaded guilty to causing a disturbance by shouting, a charge laid in connection with the same instances. In default of payment he was sentenced to 14 days in jail.

In city police court this morning Ernest Colin Newbold of Kitimat was remanded without plea by Justice of the Peace W. D. Vance for trial September 30 on a charge of willfully causing damage.

Police told the court that Newbold while in jail awaiting trial on a charge of intoxication in a public place caused damage not exceeding $50 to one of the cells in the city jail.

Speeders fined Total of $70

Two city motorists received fines totalling $70 in Port Edward police court Saturday on charges of exceeding the speed limit.

Peter Bell Hunter and George Murray Robertson, both of Prince Rupert were each fined $35, costs or in default of payment sentenced to 10 days in jail when they pleaded guilty to speeding up to 70 miles an hour on Highway 16, on September 14 and September 17 respectively.

16,000 pupils affected by [illegible]

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another integration test appeared in the making at Van Buren, Ark., today while Little Rock pupils studied lessons on television and youngsters in some Virginia localities considered attending temporary facilities.

More than 6,000 pupils in the two states were affected by orders closing some of the schools. Indications were an additional 10,000 would be out of school at Norfolk, Va., next week.

In the West Arkansas city of Van Buren, Negroes planned to try to re-enter public schools from which they were barred two weeks ago by jeering, threatening white pupils.

Eleven Negroes were enrolled at Van Buren High, five at Van Buren Junior High. They have not been present since Sept. 5 when some 45 white youngsters boycotted integrated classes at the high school. The negroes stayed away and the boycott ended.

The decision to return was taken after U.S. district judge John E. Miller declined to order the school board to resume integration. He indicated such an order was unnecessary and that the Negroes could go back without it.

At Lexington, Ky., Theodore R. McKeldin, pro-integration governor of Maryland, suggested Sunday the southern governors' conference should go on record as favoring desegregation in public classrooms.

"If the resolution passed," he said, "it would show that we of the south recognize the constitution as the supreme law of the land."

Terrace man escapes injury in car mishap

A Terrace motorist escaped serious injuries last night when the car he was driving left the highway and rolled over a 10-foot embankment about one mile east of Rainbow Lake Lodge.

Port Edward RCMP report that Phillip Englebrecht was travelling west on Highway 16 when his car hit the loose gravel on the side of the road after negotiating a sharp turn and rolled over the bank.

Damage to Englebrecht's vehicle, a late model foreign car, has not yet been determined.

Tension mounting in Lebanon as government changes hands

By JAMES NORRIS

BEIRUT (Reuters)—Beirut was under curfew today as half-Christian half-Moslem Lebanon waited tensely for President Camille Chamoun to hand over his office to Gen. Fuad Chehab. The cabinet formally resigned today.

Chamoun's six-year term as president will end officially Tuesday when Chehab takes the oath of office and presents a program of national reconciliation.

The army has ordered elaborate security precautions to prevent clashes in the capital. The around-the-clock curfew, originally scheduled to start on the eve of the inauguration, was enforced Sunday night in a surprise move.

The inhabitants of the capital are uneasy because of renewed hostility between the right-wing Christian Phalangist party and the rebels, who are predominantly Moslem.

The Phalangists supported Chamoun throughout the four-month Lebanese revolt. They are angered at the kidnapping of Fuad Haddad, a Phalangist journalist who disappeared near the rebel sector of Beirut. Many of the party believe he has been murdered.

The Phalangists have called for a "peaceful strike" today in protest against this and other kidnappings. All other abducted persons have been released after a few hours.

Tonight will be Chamoun's last in the palace he has rarely left during the past months of crisis.

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Weekend toll on roads 31

By The Canadian Press

Traffic mishaps accounted for 31 of the 42 accidental deaths in Canada during the weekend.

Provincial totals with traffic deaths in brackets: British Columbia 4 (2); Alberta 8 (0); Saskatchewan 2 (2); Manitoba 2 (2); Ontario 14 (12); Quebec 10 (5); New Brunswick 2 (2).

Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland reported no deaths.

GM, Chrysler increase offer

DETROIT (AP)—General Motors and Chrysler offered the United Auto Workers financially sweetened three-year contracts Sunday in an effort to head off strikes.

TRAPPED UNDER BUS—Mrs. Olecia Gowrie, 30, a Toronto suburban wife, lies screaming with pain under a Gray Coach bus where she was trapped for more than 15 minutes last Wednesday before motorists and police managed to free her. She was taken to hospital with severe leg injuries but her condition is reported as good. —CP Wirephoto.

Adams rumored to have quit

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP)—Sherman Adams had a surprise conference with President Eisenhower today, but the chief presidential aide refused to say imediately whether he had resigned. Reports circulated he had.

WEATHER—

Sunny tomorrow morning clouding over in the afternoon with rain in the evening. Little change in temperature. Winds northwest 15. Low tonight and high tomorrow 43 and 55.

TIDES—

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	10:33	17.7 feet
	22:37	18.6 feet
Low	04:12	5.0 feet
	16:37	8.1 feet