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Unemployment benefits boost, big public works plan pledged

Bill of rights in new program

OTTAWA (CP)—Government proposals to extend seasonal unemployment insurance benefits and give the sagging economy a lift through a huge program of public works and northern development were disclosed today in the traditional speech from the throne.

The speech, read by Governor General Vincent Massey at the opening of the 24th Parliament, warned also of inflation. It urged all Canadians to "restrain demands which will give rise to increases in prices and the cost of production."

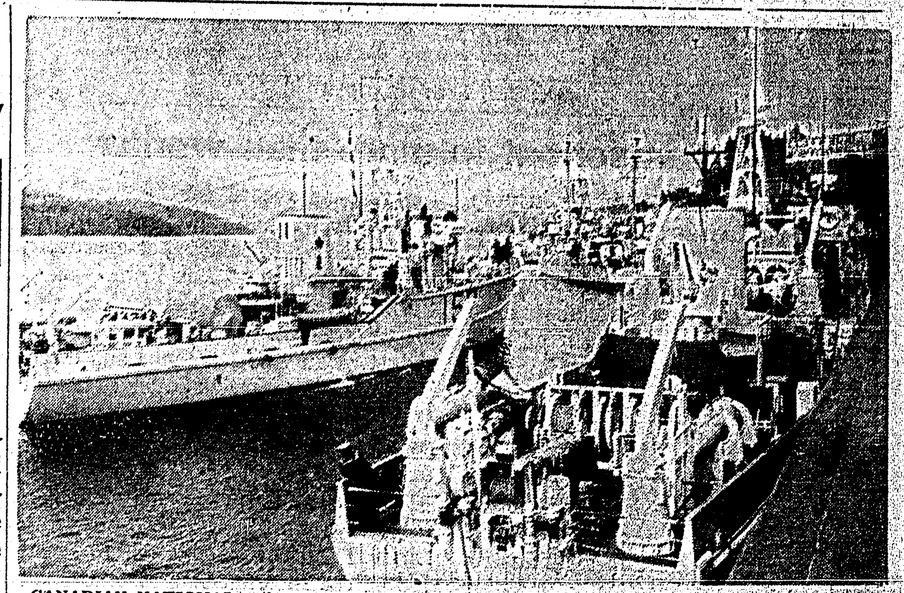
Also included in the program would be a bill of rights "to safeguard the rights of all persons in Canada in respect of all subjects within the jurisdiction of parliament;" establishment of a new regulatory agency to make public and private television and radio broadcastors "work effectively together;" and changes to the national hospital insurance registration to make federal payments to provinces effective from next July 1.

The throne speech expressed the government's regret that efforts failed to avert a firemen's strike on the CPR. However, issues in the dispute had been narrowed where further direct discussions "may yet resolve the question."

The government hinted that parliament may be asked to deal with the strike if other steps are not fruitful.

Before the Speech to the Throne Prinme Minister Diefenbaker proposed Roland Michener as the Speaker of the Commons in the new Parliament. Opposition Leader Pearson seconded his proposal that Mr. Michener be speaker.

BIG JOB FACES PARKS board before large contingent of Kitimat fans arrive next Sunday for double-header opening of Prince Rupert, District Baseball season. Pictures above show Roosevelt Park for which $1,500 has been allotted for year. Top photo shows backstop wrecked by winter storms and dilapidated bleachers at left. Bottom photo shows battered scorekeeper's quarters facing wrong, sagging dugout, power pole lying alongside new bleachers installed last year. Crowds at inter-city baseball games usually average between 400 and 500 and stretch out along first baseline where broken bleachers are. —Staff photo.



CANADIAN NATIONAL railway docks were crowded Sunday afternoon when four Royal Canadian Navy minesweepers joined two United States Navy escort vessels already berthed here. Making a return visit after exercises in Alaskan waters with HMCS Chatham reserve division personnel aboard were HMCS Fortune, HMCS Maramichi, HMCS Cowichan and HMCS James Bay. They sailed this morning for Esquimalt. Also leaving today, bound for San Francisco were USS Hanna and USS Spangler, following a three day stay here. Hundreds of Prince Rupert residents visited the U.S. vessels Saturday and Sunday and 30 children were treated to a party Sunday morning. Canadian ships just docking are in foreground while U.S. escort vessel can be seen in background.—Staff photo.

Trains, talks continue

MONTREAL (CP) — Settlement of the CPR firemen's strike was believed imminent today as union and company officials prepared for new conferences here.

"Only a few minor points appear to be left, one informant said.

Further meetings were to be held here today between CPR and union officers following one Sunday night here attended by Labor Minister Starr.

WON'T BE BACK

Mr. Starr returned to Ottawa overnight and will not be back for today's meeting.

The meetings today were a continuation of the high-level meetings, started last Wednesday in Ottawa. They continued in the federal capital Thursday and broke up there early Sunday morning without averting the firemen's strike.

They were resumed unexpectedly here Sunday night, with Mr. Starr representing the federal authority.

While the series of high-level talks aimed at settlement went on, the Canadian Pacific Railway today continued train operations across the country despite the strike of 3,000 firemen.

A few CPR firemen paid no heed to their union's strike call and the places of others in diesel cabs were taken by CPR supervisory officers.

The strike went into its second day without any set pattern of conduct by other railwaymen the striking Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (CLC) counted on for support.

Prayers tonight

Funeral service for Stanley Morin, well-known city resident for 34 years who died Friday will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning from the Church of the Annunciation. Father M. J. Morrin will officiate. Prayers will be said at 8:15 tonight from Ferguson Funeral Home.

Two charges cost driver $75 in fines

A city motorist was fined a total of $75 in city police court this morning when he pleaded guilty to charges of "hit-and-run" driving and driving without due care and attention.

Charges were laid against Charles R. Currie, 2045 Graham Avenue, following an accident on Sixth Avenue West at 1:10 yesterday morning in which Currie's car struck a parked vehicle belonging to Donald McIntosh, causing a total damage of about $350.

Police said Currie left the scene without notifying the owner of the parked car or police of the accident.

Currie was fined $50 on a charge of driving without due care and attention and an additional $25 on a charge of failing to remain at the scene of an accident with intent to escape criminal and civil liability. Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite recommended a three-month licence suspension.

Also appearing in police court this morning, John Alexander Morven of Alyansh was fined $50 or in default of payment sentenced to one month in jail after pleading guilty to resisting arrest by a police officer.

GILMOURS TOP SPEEDSTERS

Thrills, spill feature first outboard races

By GLADYS BALDWIN

Almost perfect weather yesterday afternoon drew hundreds of spectators to Taylor Lake for the first "Outboard Regatta" of the season which saw Gerry and Robin Gilmour make the top speeds of the day and Michael Wayman do a spectacular flip.

Gerry, driving a conventional "B" class powered hydroplane waltzed around the measured course at an average speed of 34.6 miles per hour. Fighting every inch of the way Robin Gilmour tooled his three point "C" class powered hydro in to take second spot. Both heats found the Gilmour brothers placing first and second.

Breath-taking thrill of the afternoon came in the first heat of the 36-class race between Douglas Souter and Michael Wayman.

One minute Wayman was belting along in Souter's wake and the next minute he was up and over. Within two minutes of spilling, Wayman was up and sitting jauntily on his overturned boat waiting rescue by crash boats already on the way. No damage was done to boy, boat or motor and once into dock the efficiency of association members had the boat and motor ready for the next heat. In dry clothes, Wayman entered and although he trailed Souter all the way, he said the "darn motor worked better than ever!"

TAKES TWO FIRSTS

Bob Armtsrong wrapped up both firsts in the "B" utility class, which had the largest number of entrants of any class.

Armstrong and Dave Yule had a spirited battle in the first heat but in the second heat Bob Armstrong walked away from the field and lapped the course. Yule bounced in second in both heats.

Jim Weldbauer came in behind Yule for third place in the first heat, then developed engine trouble in the second. Wally Ballinger with motor trouble in the first heat place third in the second.

NIP AND TUCK

First race of the day, "A" class with two entries, Lance Theobald and Dave Yule was in doubt all the way with first Yule in the lead and then Theobald. With a final burst of speed Theobald passed the finish line first. In the second heat Ron Rothwell took Theobald's place in the "Scatcat" and Yule outdrove him to come in first.

In the hydroplane heats, Frank Baldwin placed third in the first and Henry Seppa, third in the second.

After a heavy snowstorm in the morning during which association members decided to "go ahead anyway" the bright sunshine of the afternoon found the lake shore lined with cars and the Duchess of Edinburgh Chapter IODE, Mrs. G. E. Miller in charge, sold out in less than two hours.

R. P. Stewart, Commodore of the outboard Association commenting on the races said, "We are pleased with the interest evidenced by the number of spectators and more than pleased with racing on the lake." The next race should see at least two more hydroplanes and possibly four.

City to get $11,378 for schools

VICTORIA (CP)—Lower mainland municipalities will get nearly half of the government's extra $808,000 in grants toward the cost of education this year.

The lower mainland total is $385,766, of which Vancouver will get $230,026.

The additional grants, agreed to by the government under pressure from municipalities, were made on the basis of total assessments in each district.

Grants to northern B.C. districts include:

Williams Lake $3,854; Quesnel $3,949; South Cariboo $2,386; Quesnel-Merritt $2,930; Queen Charlotte $575; Portland Canal $338; Prince Rupert $11,378; Terrace $1,937; Smithers $1,265; Burns Lake $931; Vanderhoof $1,074; Prince George $9,685; McBride $1,872; Peace River south $5,978; Peace River north $6,747; Fort Nelson $591.

Eight of 17 die on roads

By The Canadian Press

Seventeen Canadians died in accidents this weekend. Eight were killed on the roads.

The tool by provinces (traffic deaths in bracket): Ontario 5 (4), Nova Scotia 5 (1), Quebec 3, (0), Saskatchewan 2 (1), Alberta 2 (2).

Motorists fined in Port Edward

John Nickolas Gurvich, of 802 Borden Street, was fined $35 in Port Edward police court Saturday after pleading guilty to exceeding the 50 miles per hour speed limit on ighway 16 April 8.

Also in court, John Wayne Johnson, 19, of Terrace, was fined $15 or in default of payment sentenced to seven days in jail when he pleaded guilty to parking on the travelled portion of the highway. Police said the offence occurred May 10 about one mile east of Galloway Rapids.

Fire causes $750 damage above bakery

Damage to contents is set at $750 in a fire that raged through the second-storey room in the Rupert Bakery building on Third Avenue Saturday afternoon.

No estimate on damage to the building was available today.

City fire department reported the blaze was set off by a short circuit in an electric lamp cord.

Another call received by the fire department at 7 a.m. Saturday required no attention by the fire truck as a burning mattress, the cause of the alarm, had been heaved out of the window at 171 Third Avenue East by occupant G. E. Madison before the truck arrived.

Driver fined, loses licence

Aimo Pohjalainen, 30, of 1036 Eighth Avenue East, was fined $50 or in default of payment sentenced to 30 days in jail when he pleaded guilty in city police court Saturday to a charge of driving without due care and attention on the evening of April 11.

Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite told Pohjalainen, he was only recommending a suspension of his driver's licence for three months.

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OFFICIAL ASSERTS

No band for opener of baseball season

There will be no band to brighten up the official opening of the Prince Rupert District Baseball season, a baseball association official said today.

Donald Hawryluk, secretary of the senior baseball group said that if something wasn't done about the condition of Roosevelt Park playing field there might not even be an opener. Kitimat senior baseball team is scheduled to make its first appearance in a double-header against Esquires Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Hawryluk said that the association had planned to have the new Prince Rupert Civic Band play at the opening games but it had received a letter from the band association saying that such an appearance would cost the association $50.

"We haven't any $50 to pay for a band," Mr. Hawryluk said, "It costs us $30 in umpires' fees, scorekeepers and balls before we event start a game."

The letter from the Civic Band association to the baseball association stated that in answer to the group's request the band was "available only if the fee of $50 will be forthcoming as stipulated in our bylaws."

"If the baseball association is agreeable to the payment of $50, we would be most pleased to provide the band."

Arne Lien, secretary of the band association, in concluding the letter stated that "it is most regrettable that we must take this stands on the fee but I am sure you will understand our financial position at this time, could not possibly allow us to play a free engagement."

Article VI of the band association's proposed bylaws states in part: "Charges for performance of the will be $50 for two hours or less and $25 for any hour or part thereof after two hours."

The baseball association secretary also was irate about the condition of the playing field one week before the opener opening of the season.

"This is a fine thing for the Kitimat people to see," he said. "We have huge crowds come here to see inter-city games and yet we are faced with this mess," he said, pointing at the broken backstop, the broken down bleachers along the first baseline and the general floor condition of the field.

Questioned as to why work on Roosevelt Park had been left so late Parks Commission chairman Arthur Murray said last night that the baseball season usually started a week later than is now proposed.

"We still haven't been officially notified that the baseball season is opening May 16," Mr. Murray said.

Opening halibut prices above last year's bids

Top prices paid for halibut in first sales at Prince Rupert Halibut Exchange this year were 2.3 cents above last year's opening bids.

Best price of 17.3 cents for medium halibut was received by the "Rosi Lind," one of three vessels to sell their catches this morning. Last year's high price was 15 cents for medium, as compared to 18.7 cents in 1956.

The "Rosi Lind" sold 22,500 pounds to Pacific Fisheries as 17.3 cents for medium size, 16.7 cents for large and 12 cents for chicken size halibut.

The "Iris S" sold 25,000 pounds to Babcock Fisheries at 17.2, 17 and 12 cents while the "Connie Jean" delivered her catch of 20,000 pounds to the same company at prices of 17.3, 17 and 12 cents.

On Saturday, the "Soup Fin" became the first halibut fishing vessel to land her catch in Prince Rupert this season.

She delivered 35,000 pounds in a direct sale to British Columbia Packers.

The "Oslo" and the "Shirley Rose" delivered catches of 44,000 pounds and 15,000 pounds respectively to the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative association.

In other direct sales, Pacific Fisheries bought the "Marble Isle's" 12,000 pound catch and B.C. Packers purchased 10,000 pounds from the "Adelaide J."

Vessel takes barley to U.K.

The Greek vessel SS Atlantic General took on 13,580 tons of No. 1 feed barley since loading Tuesday.

The freighter sailed from here late Friday afternoon bound for the United Kingdom.

Resident here for 34 years, K. Campbell dies

A resident of Prince Rupert for the past 34 years, Kenneth Campbell, Friday night died at his home at 1314 Second Avenue West, at the age of 65.

Born in Scotland, Mr. Campbell came to Prince Rupert in 1924 and was employed by the Department of Transport up until four years ago.

He has no known relatives in the district.

Funeral arrangements in the hands of Ferguson Funeral Home will be announced later.

Trio given jail terms for detaining juvenile

Three young men have been sentenced to three months in jail each for keeping a 15-year-old girl for four days in a cabin on top of Mount Hays.

"This is a very unpleasant mess," Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite said in city police court this morning when passing sentence on Roland Bornhauser, 21, Kurt Schweizer, 26, and Hartmut Wontka, 20.

All three, recently of Kitimat and of no fixed address here, pleaded guilty to charges of contributing to juvenile delinquency.

Police said the men had kept a 15-year-old girl in a deserted cabin near the top of the "1,000 steps" on Mount Hays from May 6 until May 10.

Bornhauser, who according to police was the girl's boyfriend, said he tried to send the girl home but she refused because "she was scared."

"I never touched her," Bornhauser said when asked by the magistrate whether he had anything to say before sentence was pronounced.

"With people your age it doesn't make any difference whether the girl consents or not," the magistrate said.

"It is asking too much from me to swallow that in four days you couldn't notify the girl's parents of her whereabouts."

WEATHER—

Scattered showers tonight and tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Winds light. Low tonight and high tomorrow 42 and 53.

TIDES—

Tuesday, May 13, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	0:58	16.2 feet
	22:20	18.1 feet
Low	4:04	8.0 feet
	16:03	7.7 feet