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—Photo by Chandler's Studio
CELEBRITIES at the opening of Prince Rupert Curling Club's new \$80,000 rink January 19 are shown here shortly after the opening celebrations had finished. Left to right are: Mrs. A. M. Rivett, president of the Women's curling club; Ald. T. Norton Youngs who spoke on behalf of the city; R. F. Rudderham, president of the men's curling club; Percy Spoke, president; W. J. Scott, chairman of the building committee; William H. Murray, MLA who brought greetings from Premier W. A. C. Bennett and the cabinet at Victoria; Cole Mutch, contractor of the building; receiving hero awards were A. E. Field; J. E. Parker and Evan Shier, chairman of the house and ice committee.

CONSERVATION PATTERN

New Measures Must Be Instigated To Rehabilitate Skeena Sockeye Run

VANCOUVER—British Columbia's fishing industry is pondering the possible conservation pattern for the 1957 Skeena River salmon fishery, foreshadowed in recent meetings in Prince Rupert and Vancouver.

At these meetings the Skeena River Management Committee bluntly warned the industry that new and scientifically planned measures must be put into effect in the forthcoming season to continue rehabilitation of the sockeye run to the system.

Careless Driver Fined, Reprimanded

An 18-year-old youth who pleaded guilty in city police court this morning to driving without due care and attention was fined \$50 and costs or in default sentenced to one month in jail.

Reprimanding Gerald John Christoff, of 401 Fifth Avenue East, Magistrate W. D. Vance said: "You young people should take warnings from all the accidents and deaths caused by careless driving that are described in the newspapers. It could mean your life as well as the other fellow's."

Police said Christoff side-swiped another vehicle driven by Fred Mostad when he attempted to cut in while turning from Second Avenue West onto Eighth Street.

Also in police court this morning was Spiro Gurlich of no fixed address who received a 12-month suspended sentence for trespassing under the vagrancy section.

Gurlich was charged with trespassing under the vagrancy section.

In police court yesterday afternoon Edward Bernard Ayotte, 33 of Stewart was found guilty of supplying an intoxicant to an idiot and fined \$50 and costs or in default a sentence of one month was imposed.

Strike Threat Worrying Red Officials

WARSAW (Reuters)—A strike threat at the big Zeran automobile plant outside Warsaw today worried Communist party leaders hurrying to the scene to pacify the workers.

Trouble arose over economy cuts which would slash the earnings of some employees by about 10 per cent.

omists from the Department of Fisheries and the Fisheries Research Board.

Studies in the system were begun in 1955 following establishment of the Management Committee by Fisheries Minister James Sinclair.

Proposed measures call for a maintenance of fishing boundaries and gear restrictions instituted last year and an extension of weekly closures to permit escapement of spawners to specific areas of the Babine section of the watershed. An earlier opening date—July 7—is planned.

F. C. Withler, director of investigations for the committee, said the 1957 sockeye run to the Skeena will be composed largely of two age groups. Four-year-olds will be mainly the progeny of the good 1953 escapement to Babine Lake. Five-year-olds will mainly originate from the 1951 slide-blocked escapement. He predicted the combined runs would provide a total stock in 1957 at least as large as average runs of the pre-slide period.

However, he pointed out that because of unequal distribution of spawners in existing cycle occurrences full use was not being made of the extensive Babine Lake potential as a nursery area. To make up for losses in other sections, rebuilding of the sockeye runs on a more uniform basis was now an urgent necessity. Proposed fishing restrictions on the Skeena in 1957 were designed towards this goal.

Claims July 7 Opening Hardship on Fishermen

Claims that the Native Skeena fishermen will lose an estimated \$3,000 each in the loss of 17 days work by the tentative re-scheduling of the start of the salmon season were among the complaints voiced Saturday to Fisheries Minister James Sinclair by Native fishermen in the Skeena River district.

The complaints were submitted in a brief to the Federal fisheries department by Harold Sinclair, district vice-president of the B.C. Native Brotherhood on behalf of the fishermen in the Hazelton, Kitwanga and Klwanga districts.

The brief was compiled after the recent visit to Prince Rupert by B.C. chief supervisor of fisheries A. J. Whitmore and biologist Dr. A. W. H. Needer of Nanaimo.

Mr. Whitmore explained in his talk here January 19 that strict conservation measures would have to be exercised by the department for the development of the salmon industry.

The proposals by the Skeena River Salmon Fisheries management committee stated that fishing operations in the area would start July 7 and fishing would be restricted to three days per week (from 6 p.m. Wednesday to 6 p.m. Sunday).

In his brief, Mr. Sinclair stated that this would mean the Skeena fishermen would be idle for four days a week.

He stressed the fact that the re-scheduling of the fishing season opening from June 20 to July 7 meant a loss of 17 days to the normal fishing season at an estimated cost of \$3,000 to each fisherman.

Mr. Sinclair charged that both fishermen and cannery workers being under seasonal employment would not be able to make a fair living with the introduction of the three-day fishing policy.

He said that based on past experience, three days a week fishing would make it difficult for fishermen to meet costs and take home livable earnings.

He pointed out that the

fishermen went into debt with the canneries and a great deal of hardship was experienced over the winter months.

He said waiting for the Skeena River to open also affected the employment of the entire area as the canneries could not open.

In concluding his brief, Mr. Sinclair informed the federal department of fisheries that the Skeena fishermen had to rely solely on the river for their income as inexperienced and unavailability of fishing craft made outside fishing impossible.

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The bugaboo is the cost. The reeve in North Vancouver district says it "would be a very good idea" while the West Vancouver reeve calls a single police force for the whole Vancouver area a "logical step."

The reeve of Surrey says it will "definitely come in time" while New Westminster's mayor explains that he's "always ready to listen to a metropolitan police proposal" and the Delta reeve says his proposal "must be carefully studied."

There is considerable hedging, though, on putting the plan into action.

With the exception of New Westminster, which has its own force, the smaller municipalities

B.C. Sugar Firm In Vancouver Accused Of Monopoly In West

Crash Toll Seven Dead, 78 Injured

Plane Fragments Cut Down Pupils

VAN NUYS, Calif. (AP)—A collision-crippled airliner smashed into a crowded schoolyard Thursday, scattering its deadly debris like shrapnel. Seven persons died, two of them children.

The injured numbered 78. Shocked citizens today sought some curb on plane testing over such populous areas as this sprawling San Fernando Valley. The four-engine plane, on its final test flight, collided at 20,000 feet with a jet fighter, also being tested. The transport came down in a screaming dive, disintegrating as it fell.

A blazing wing-section exploded over the athletic field at Pacoima Junior High School, where nearly 100 Grade 7 boys in gym clothes were exercising.

Flying fragments cut them down as they ran. Two of them were hurt fatally. The four men in the transport also were killed, as was the pilot of the fighter plane.

Hospitals said 28 persons were admitted, all but one of them students. Fifty other boys were treated and released.

The airliner, a DC-7 being readied by Douglas Aircraft for delivery to Continental Air Lines, turned in a vast curve, spouting flames and smoke. As the angle of its dive steepened, it came apart piece by piece, filling the air with debris.

"It looked like stove pipes and ticker tape falling," said M. C. Dougherty, who was driving near the school.

The school grounds and the hospitals were scenes of anguish as parents swarmed about trying to find their children.

When Mrs. Virginia Brann was given the news that her son, Ronnie, was dead, her voice rose in a wail.

"Oh, no, no, no: I didn't even kiss you goodbye this morning."

One of the boys, Tony Barrios, 13, said he and all the others started to run when they saw the plane coming at them.

"Then I dropped to the ground and covered my face," he said. "The gas was all over and the heat was terrific. Everybody was screaming. I laid there for a while and then I got up."

"I saw part of a body flying at me," said Floyd Negrete, 12. "I tripped and fell and hurt my head and broke my left arm."

Miners Injured

SMITHERS—Blasting operations at the Sil Van mines, 17 miles from here yesterday morning severely injured one immigrant miner and hurt another.

In Buckley Valley Hospital today are: Andrew Braun who sustained severe injuries from the blast, and Alex Toth who despite his injuries managed to cry for help.

Both men were sinking a draft when the mishap occurred.

Metropolitan Police Force Plan Seen Even More Costly Than RCMP

VANCOUVER—Plans for a metropolitan Vancouver police force—gathering dust on municipal shelves for 20 years—are being taken down and given an airing.

But despite enthusiastic support from a number of Vancouver's metropolitan neighbors, a cross-section of civil leaders feel that now is not the time.



—Photo by Chandler's Studio
THROWING THE FIRST ROCK to mark the official opening of the curling season at Prince Rupert's new curling rink is Cole Mutch, contractor of the six-sheet, \$80,000 building. Mr. Mutch's throw climaxed more than half-an-hour's celebrations at the opening of the rink, January 19. Holding the broom for the throw was veteran city curler Leon Blain. A crowd of spectators looks on through enclosed galleries. Left is part of the band of the 120th Independent Field Battery RCA (M) which led the Grand March around the ice. Shortly after the contractor's throw, curlers took to the ice and played through until the early hours of morning.

\$2.50 FOR VIOLATORS

All-Night Parking In Effect at 3 a.m.

Prince Rupert's by-law banning parking on the travelled portion of city streets from 3 a.m. to 7 a.m. comes into effect tomorrow morning.

This means all motorists will have to get their cars off the travelled portion of the streets before they retire to bed tonight.

The ban does not apply to the downtown section of the city.

Violators will be ticketed \$2.50 by police.

Only consideration being given to an exemption under the by-law at this time is Piggott Avenue, city officials said today.

If granted, the exemption would apply to Piggott Avenue West of its intersection with Piggott Street.

BULLETIN

MOSCOW (AP)—Russia today accused the western powers of deliberately evading a solution to the problem of world disarmament. The Soviet government charged in a statement distributed by Tass, that the United States is "speeding up preparations for a new atomic war—an obvious reference to American plans to establish foreign support commands."

In the greater Vancouver area are served by the RCMP and all seem more than happy with RCMP service despite a sharp rise in costs.

The plan was revived this week when Burnaby municipal council voted to write to Vancouver city council and ask for its view on a joint Vancouver-Burnaby police force.

Mayor Fred Hume of Vancouver has pledged his support for a joint force with Burnaby, which is separated from Vancouver's coast and only by Immigration.

Extension of Power Urged Prevented

OTTAWA (CP)—Parliament was informed today that a sugar refining monopoly allegedly exists in most of the western provinces and that it would be in the public's best interest to prevent extension of its power in Manitoba.

In a 200-page report tabled in the Commons by Justice Minister Garson, the restrictive trade practices commission accused the British Columbia Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., of Vancouver of monopolizing most of the West, setting prices at the highest possible level.

The three-man body recommended that the company be prevented from carrying through a proposed merger with the Manitoba Sugar Co. Ltd. of Fort Garry, Man. Such a move, the commission said, would increase the B.C. company's share of the Manitoba market to about 75 per cent from the present 25 per cent and destroy effective competition in that province.

The B.C. company was reported to have maintained its wholesale factory price of refined sugar at Vancouver about 35 cents for each 100 pounds higher than Montreal factory prices and to have used this Vancouver price for setting the tab in other provinces.

Its pricing system had the effect of enabling its subsidiary, Canadian Sugar Factories Ltd., to sell sugar at the highest possible price throughout Alberta without regard to the actual shipping costs from Alberta factories.

The B.C. company countered that its labor costs were higher than in the East but the commission suggested the lack of foreign competition had something to do with the price level. It found the highest sugar prices in eastern Saskatchewan.

Tariff protection provided for Canadian refineries was sufficiently high to keep almost the entire Canadian market for Canadian producers. If the Manitoba Sugar Company was allowed to remain independent, there would be only one way in which western sugar prices could go under increased competition and that was down, the commission said.

Surviving are his wife, Gertrude whom he married here in 1914; three sons, Alan, William and Horace Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. Carl Simonds all of Prince Rupert; a brother, Robert in Vancouver and 12 grandchildren.

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

Supreme Court Jury Acquits Man Charged in Acid Case

VANCOUVER—John Babich, facing a charge of assault with intent to maim stemming from an alleged acid-throwing attack, was acquitted Thursday by a Supreme Court jury.

Babich, 53, was accused of throwing acid at Mrs. Helen Orsols during a quarrel last May. Mrs. Orsols testified during the trial that she scuffled with Babich after he refused to leave her home in Vancouver.

Mrs. Orsols won \$140,000 on a sweepstake ticket which Babich said he had purchased and given to her.

It was Babich's second trial. A re-trial was ordered after an earlier jury had been unable to reach a verdict.

Babich told reporters he was "surprised and happy" with the verdict.

"I am never going to buy another sweepstake ticket . . . and if I should, I will keep it myself," he said.

Earlier during Thursday's session, G. T. Campbell, counsel for Babich, said police were careless in their investigation of the case.

"The kindest thing to be said about the police investigation is that it was extremely lax," he said.

No fingerprints were taken from the bottle that contained the acid and evidence of Babich and Mrs. Orsols conflicted.

Low of 10 Here Tonight

A cold Arctic air mass now covers all of the province. North-east winds blowing out of the Fraser Canyon and across southern Georgia Strait at times reached 60 miles per hour with the first rush of the cold air across the south coast. In the southern interior light snow is falling from a weak disturbance south of the Arctic air. This disturbance will drift slowly southward so that there will be a gradual clearing in this region during the day. In other areas of B.C. the weather is clear and cold.

Forecast for the north coast region is as follows: Mostly sunny today and Saturday but with occasional cloudy periods and isolated snow flurries along the Charlottes both days. Colder. Winds northerly 25 except northeast 40 across Queen Charlotte Sound and in some mainland inlets today. Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy 20 and 35, Sandspit 30 and 35, Prince Rupert 10 and 30.

Revised Registry Now Obtainable

Today saw the re-publication of the Organizations Registry which gives information about 100 groups active within the city. Last year, 174 were listed. The registry, which was inaugurated a year ago by W. O. Hankinson, includes names of floors, telephone numbers, of city lodges, associations, unions, schools, religious groups and associations and clubs.

Price of the Registry has risen from 25 per subscription which includes revisions from time to time or \$1 a single copy. Cost last year was borne by Mr. Hankinson, also only 25 copies were sold. Persons or groups wishing to be registered can write PO. Box 64 of telephone 6033 during business hours.