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CPR president raps union chief for attack on royal commission

"Canadians resent U.S. interference"

MONTREAL (CP)—President N. R. Crump of the Canadian Pacific Railway has assailed the international president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (AFL-CLC) for his "attack" on the competence of the Kellock royal commission.

In a letter to union chief H. E. Gilbert of Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Crump said "I have been shocked, as I am sure all Canadians have, by your attacks on the competence, thoroughness and fairness of the royal commission."

Mr. Gilbert, in an April 8 letter proposing a meeting between himself and Mr. Crump, leaders of opposed sides in the diesel firemen controversy, said the members of the commission "are not 'expert' in railroad operations." He also wrote of "a glaring ineptitude" in practical railroad operations and attendant problems."

GROWING RESENTMENT

Mr. Crump's letter told Mr. Gilbert "the growing resentment towards intereference by international trade unions in Canadian affairs is a fact in the life of Canada." No parallel could be drawn between the CPR, run with few exceptions by Canadian citizens, and an international trade union.

Contents of the letter, dated April 11, were released Sunday night.

The CPR has announced an intention to begin removing firemen from freight and yard diesel beginning May 11.

Its plans to remove the firemen resulted in a nine-day strike in 1957, ended by federal intervention which set up the Kellock royal commission to study the matter.

"There can be no question as to the competence of the royal commission," Mr. Crump said. "Its members were men of long practical experience in hearing both sides of a dispute.

"The Kellock royal commission spared no effort to get the facts . . . "If you personally had had any evidence or opinions to advance, the commission would have expected you to appear."

POINTS CHALLENGED

Other points raised and met in the interchange of letters:

Mr. Gilbert: ". . . developments are degrading to the morale of Canadian Pacific employees . . ."

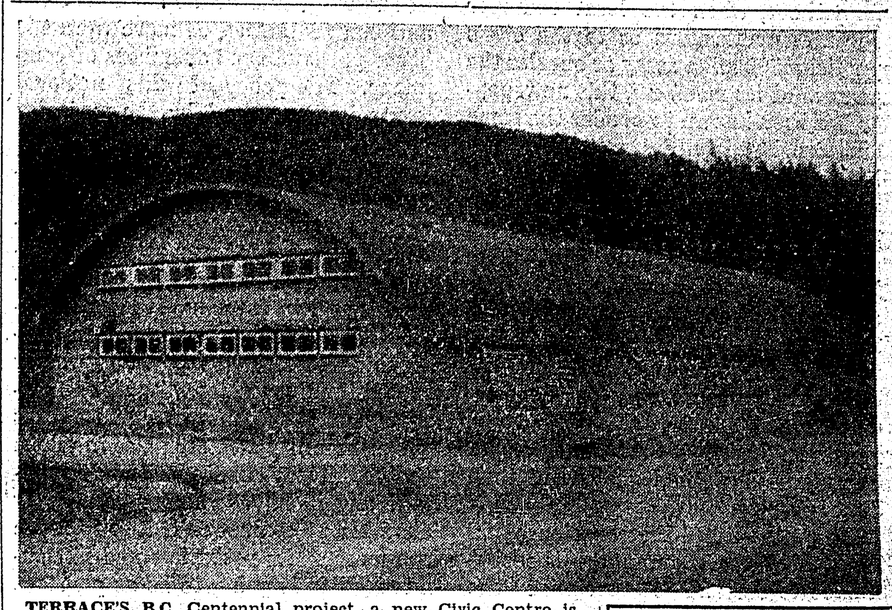
Mr. Crump: ". . . The majority of CPR employees realize that the company has been more than fair and patient in dealing with the diesel issue."

Mr. Gilbert: ". . . I have in mind the extent to which, thus far, trial of the case has been undertaken through the newspapers. I am sure, however, that this process cannot, in any manner, serve to settle the issues or contribute toward maintenance of collective bargaining procedures at a high level."

Mr. Crump: "You seem to object to discussions of the diesel issue in Canada by the public and the press. I cannot be a party to any suggestion of this matter, especially in the light of its vital interest of Canada."

Mr. Gilbert: "No act or statement of a prejudicial character has emanated from the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen which might, even remotely, serve to drive the parties apart."

It was in reply to this that Mr. Crump referred to the "attack" on the royal commission.



TERRACE'S B.C. Centennial project, a new Civic Centre is shown partly completed above. The new community centre to replace the one that burned down will be opened during Terrace's Centennial celebrations August 15 to August 17. Civic Centre is right next door to Terrace Curling rink.
—Staff photo by Dick Ayres.

JUST ONE EXAMPLE of road conditions on Highway 16 is shown above as a car and truck became bogged down at a point about a mile from Kitwanga ferry. Car at right belongs to Mrs. A. J. Veit, of Port Credit, Ont., who had been to Kitimat to pick up her daughter and grandchildren for a vacation in Ontario. They were stuck in the mud for five hours waiting to get towed out. The truck on its way west from Skeena Crossing went to pass Mrs. Veit, slid off the road and also became stuck. The road was blocked for three hours.
—Photo by Steve Paszty of Kitimat.

ASK ONE-HOUR PARKING

Most merchants sign anti-meter petition

About 95 per cent of downtown merchants have endorsed a request that city council postpone installation of parking meters and give a trial to extended one-hour parking restrictions.

This was announced today by H. S. Cobb, leader of the businessmen's movement attempting to head off enforcement of a parking meter bylaw to be given its first reading by city council tonight.

Mr. Cobb presided over a meeting of businessmen Wednesday at which a brief was drawn up to be signed by merchants affected and to be submitted to council.

The brief has been signed by 95 per cent of the businessmen in the area bordered by McBride Street, Second Avenue, Seventh Street and Third Avenue, Mr. Cobb said.

That is the area for which merchants are advocating one-hour parking restrictions instead of parking meters.

Fishing fleet hard hit

Almost continuous gales and high seas in the Bering Strait are playing havoc with both fishing, fishing vessels and equipment, it was learned here today.

Capt. Frederick Kohse, skipper of the Sleep Robber, reported today that yesterday he was able to establish contact with some of the Canadian and American fishing vessels trying to catch halibut in Area 3B. About 11 Canadian and 10 U.S. vessels are up in Area 3B about 1,500 miles from here.

He said that one unidentified American schooner had quit altogether and was heading south with 24,000 pounds of halibut aboard.

Emil Jensen's Blue Pacific No. 1 from Vancouver, is reported to have lost part of its bridge and had its wheelhouse windows ruined.

The Western Girl, also out of Vancouver reported that it has lost 25 per cent of its gear while the Pacific Belle lost its rudder and was towed into Kodiak, Alaska.

The Chief Skugaid drifted for 28 hours after its engines failed. However, one vessel the Pacific was reported on its way to Prince Rupert with a full load of halibut.

It is believed that if the weather settled fishing would be good.

Capt. Kohse and his crew on the Sleep Robber which has been engaged in beam trawling, arrived yesterday to unload a catch of flatfish, mainly sole.

16 of 23 die on roads over weekend

By The Canadian Press

Sixteen Canadians died on the roads this weekend as the country's toll of accidental deaths climbed to 23.

By provinces (traffic deaths in brackets): Quebec 10 (8), Ontario 7 (4), British Columbia 3 (2), Nova Scotia 1, New Brunswick 1 (1), Alberta 1 (1).

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City woman gives hubby crib lesson

Mrs. Harold Britten, of 444 Sixth Avenue East jumped with glee Saturday night while playing cribbage with her husband. Not only did she skunk him in one game but she got a perfect "29 hand" to boot.

The happy Mrs. B. was dealt three fives and the Jack of Spades and the five of spades was turned up. Mr. Britten is thinking of taking up canasta.

Ex-policeman, boxer fined $50 for assault

Former Edmonton policeman and professional boxer William Ralph Greene was found guilty on a charge of common assault and fined $50 by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite in city police court Saturday. Greene changed his plea to guilty on a second charge of causing a disturbance by fighting and was fined $5.

Both charges arose from a street fight on the night of March 29 at the intersection of Second Avenue and Sixth Street.

Greene was convicted of striking Francis Burgess of Prince Rupert in the course of the fight. Burgess was taken to hospital for treatment for concussion.

Defence counsel Willa Ray contended Greene acted in self-defence, having been struck first by Burgess. However, crown witness Victor Welch, 405 11th Avenue East, testified he saw Greene knock down Burgess without provocation.

The Crown stressed the fact that Greene had served with the Edmonton police force and should have heeded a warning given by a city police officer a short time before the offence.

The Crown also brought out that Greene has been a professional boxer for the past six year.

Also appearing in court Saturday was Susan Kildal, Angus Apartments, on a speeding charge. She pleaded guilty to exceeding the 25 miles per hour speed limit on Eleventh Avenue East Friday and was fined $10 or in default of payment sentenced to seven days in jail.

In police court this morning, Spiro Gurvich, of no fixed address, was remanded without plea for Wednesday on a charge of vagrancy. Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite ordered the adjournment to allow Gurvich time for a medical examination.

Trains delayed by washouts near McBride

Washouts yesterday of Canadian National Railways tracks near McBride, about 100 miles west of Jasper, have delayed trains in that area but are not expected to further affect the Prince Rupert schedule.

A CNR spokesman said today it is hoped the tracks will be repaired by tonight in time for the train leaving Jasper. Last night's westbound train from Jasper was delayed because of the washouts, the spokesman said.

FOOD INDEX BOOSTS PRICES EVERYWHERE BUT IN VANCOUVER

OTTAWA (CP)—Increases in food index across Canada pushed consumer price indexes up in all but one city—Vancouver—at the beginning of March, the bureau of statistics said today.

The index, based on 1949 prices equalling 100, remained unchanged at 124.5 in Vancouver.

Sharp increases in egg prices were recorded in eastern cities, while a number of fresh fruits and vegetables—particularly potatoes and oranges—were higher in all regions.

Prices of beef and pork increased in all regions while declines generally were limited to margarine, coffee, sugar and fresh tomatoes.

The March indexes, with figures for the previous month in brackets, were:

Winnipeg, 122.4 (122.0); Saskatoon-Regina, 121.1 (120.5); Edmonton-Calgary, 120.4 (120.2); Vancouver 124.5 (124.5).

Inquiry slated into death of city man

An inquiry is being held by city Coroner George J. Dawes into the death of city resident James Evans Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Evans, 60, was taken to hospital from his home at No. 2 Grenville Court Saturday morning and died several hours later, RCMP city detachment reported today.

A native of Sunderland, England, Mr. Evans leaves no survivors here. He is believed to have spent the past 17 years in Prince Rupert, working as fireman on several boats.

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

Patrols watch for violators as opening near

ASTORIA, Ore. (AP)—Coastal waters are being patrolled to keep fishermen from jumping the gun on the commercial salmon trolling season. The season will open at 6 a.m., tomorrow.

Oregon, Washington, California and British Columbia are co-operating to patrol the coastal waters, said H. T. Johnson, Oregon fish commission chairman.

City student wins $2,000 in scholarship

David Kristmanson, 29, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kristmanson of 521 Eighth Avenue East, has been awarded a $2,000 National Research Council scholarship, it was reported today. The scholarship is for one year and Mr. Kristmanson, who has been studying at Imperial College in London, England since 1956, will take advantage of his latest award, at the completion of his Athlone scholarship in September. He graduated in chemical engineering from the University of British Columbia and is studying for his PhD.

Girl's funeral set for Kitkatla

Funeral for a Kitkatla girl who died in Edmonton Friday will be held later this week in Kitkatla.

Remains of nine-year-old Victoria Kathleen Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Stewart of Kitkatla, are now at Ferguson Funeral Home after having been forwarded here from Edmonton.

Funeral will take place in Kitkatla.

Singer weds again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Singer Margaret Whiting and movie equipment manufacturer John Richard Moore are honeymooning today. They were married Sunday in a two-minute ceremony. It was the first marriage for the 32-year-old Moore, the third for Miss Whiting, 33.

B.C. NEWS ROUNDUP

Teachers, trustees agree to conciliation

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP)—The British Columbia School Trustees Association says conciliation proceedings will begin immediately in 25 districts where teacher salaries have been fixed arbitrarily by the school boards.

The 25 district boards, meeting in special session here Saturday, adopted Education Minister Leslie Peterson's formula for resolving the dispute between trustees and the B.C. Teachers Federation.

"This means an immediate start on conciliation in the 25 districts," the trustees association said in a statement Sunday.

The Peterson formula called for conciliation in the 25 districts together with an end to their blacklisting by the teachers federation.

The 10,000-member federation had asked its members not to seek work in the 25 school districts where salaries had been set arbitrarily.

A. M. Harvey of Ocean Falls, named by the trustees to work with teachers federation president Mollie Cottingham, will ask Miss Cottingham today to join him in setting up a conciliation itinerary.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mrs. M. Jensen, a visitor from South Fort George, fell from the Grouse Mountain chair lift on the Vancouver north shore Sunday night.

She was taken to St. Paul's hospital suffering from a possible broken back.

VANCOUVER (CP)—An 18-year-old Oakalla convict abandoned a sprint for freedom Saturday when guards sent three warning rifle shots over his head.

Gerald Haines, serving 18 months for breaking and entering in Rossland, B.C., was recaptured within seconds after he broke from a work gang on the prison grounds near Deer Lake.

John West again heads labor council

John West was re-elected president of the Prince Rupert Labor Council when the group held its annual meeting last Thursday.

Elector vice-president was Ernest Tubb while E. P. O'Neal was returned by acclamation as secretary-treasurer.

Executive members are Douglas Newton, B. J. Fortune and John Nicholson.

Trustees are August Wallin, E. A. Evans and Margaret Lowes.

James Foreman of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 344 and Mr. O'Neal of Local 708 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers were named delegates to attend the Canadian Labor Congress convention in Winnipeg April 21.

The meeting also endorsed a B.C. Federation of Labor request to all affiliates for funds to establish a labor newspaper for B.C.

BOSTON BAR, B.C. (CP)—A man from Eastern Canada was killed early Sunday when his car plunged 400 yards down an embankment into the Fraser River.

He was not immediately identified.

RCMP launched a hunt after Paul Dommick, 30, the dead man's companion, at Boston Bar, in the Fraser Canyon. He collapsed before being able to tell of the accident.

Generosity of city residents sees New Canadian family set up in home

A local human interest story has been given a happy ending due to the generosity and friendliness of Prince Rupert residents.

On March 26, the Daily News ran a front-page story describing the plight of a German immigrant, his wife and two children who had been aided by the Prince Rupert Canadian Citizenship council.

Unemployed and without living quarters for his family since he arrived here last fall, the New Canadian was provided by the Citizenship council with a three-room apartment and at the same time acquired a job with the City.

A plea was made for essential furniture for the family and almost immediately they received a chesterfield, two complete beds, kitchen table, chairs, a dressing table and dresser and kitchen utensils.

Council's councillor Mrs. D. W. Burnip said the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire provided a set of dishes. However, most of the items were received from individuals.

"Even food was donated," Mrs. Burnip said.

She added that a great deal of credit was due the Business and Professional Women's club, under the direction of president Mrs. Carl Halverson, which serves as the Citizenship council's furniture committee.

Commission estimates parks costs

Parks Commissioners made a survey of city parks yesterday in order to estimate expenditures for the 1958 parks budget.

The commission's budget meeting will be held tomorrow night in order to meet the April 15 deadline for presentation to city council.

The commission at its regular meeting Thursday gave the Junior Chamber of Commerce permission to use Roosevelt Park for a safe driving roadeo for one day before March 5.

Request by the Little League association to have its ball field moved to a different location in Algoma Park was rejected because of too high costs.

The Little League made the application in order to obtain a permanent park and because the present field was located in an unfavorable direction towards the sun.

The Commisison also decided to purchase two new nets for Rotary Tennis court on Second Avenue West.

C.R. Levelton appointed to high post

Appointment of Clifford R. Levelton 36, formerly of Prince Rupert, as chief protection officer for the federal department of fisheries in British Columbia was announced in Vancouver Thursday by A. J. Whitemore, area director of fisheries.

Mr. Levelton lived in Prince Rupert while serving as Fisheries Officer in the Butedale area from 1946 to 1953. In June, 1953, he was appointed Assistant District Supervisor for District 3 with headquarters at Nanaimo. In November, 1955, he was promoted to the position of Marine Officer in Pacific Area Headquarters Office at Vancouver.

COMEDIAN RECOVERING

HOLLYWOOD (AP)— Comedian Ben Blue was reported recovering today after removal of what doctors said was a benign intestinal growth.

WEATHER—

Cloudy with showers tonight and Tuesday. A few sunny periods tomorrow. A little cooler. Wind westerly 25 tonight and Tuesday. Low tonight and high Tuesday at Prince Rupert 38 and 46.

TIDES—

Tuesday, April 15, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	11:25	17.0 feet
	23:45	19.0 feet
Low	5:26	7.0 feet
	17:36	0.4 feet