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Two Coastal Vessels Abandoned Off Maritimes With None Lost

Consumer Price Index Declines

Food, Clothing Drop Slightly

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government's consumer price index moved downward in January to 120.3 from 120.4 in December.

Decreases in the food and clothing indexes outweighed increases in the other three main groups.

The index is calculated on the basis that 1949 prices equal 100.

The January figure compares with 116.8 at the start of 1956.

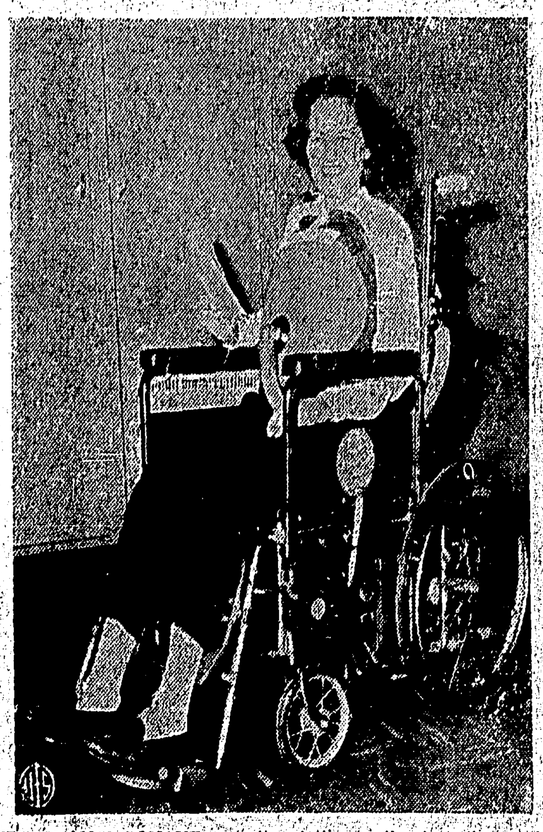
During January, the food component dropped from 117.5 in December to 117.1 as the result of appreciably-lower prices for eggs and imported fresh fruits and vegetables along with lesser decreases in pork products and coffee.

Clothing declined from 108.6 to 107.8 as seasonally lower prices for winter wear, notably women's coats, outweighed increases for several items of men's wear.

An increase in the household operation index from 118.6 to 119 was due to higher prices for coal and slight increases for household help and home furnishings.

The miscellaneous group of commodities and services moved up to 123.1 from 122.9 mainly because of higher automobile prices.

The shelter index went to 133.6 from 133.5 as the rent and homeownership elements rose slightly.



MRS. NANCY CONANT, a polio victim, smiles happily as she demonstrates a new portable respirator power unit that makes it possible for respirator patients to go to the theatre or go shopping in department stores. With its special battery, the new unit is about the size of a week-end bag, 24 inches in length, 16 inches wide and nine inches thick, and is carried underneath a wheelchair, with a flexible hose connecting it to the patient's respirator. The battery, which can be recharged from any household electric plug, lasts up to four hours. The demonsration was held at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. Prince Rupert General hospital has portable respirator supplied by the B.C. Kinsmen Polio Fund which is currently staging fund drive here.

SAUD WANTS U. S. HELP

U.S., Arab Aides Work In Middle East Issues

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower and King Saud set their aides to working out details today after reaching general accord on such Middle East problems as Red infiltration, reopening the Suez Canal and military-economic support.

The two leaders scheduled one more meeting, probably next Friday, to be followed by a communique summing up the results of their talks.

The New York Herald Tribune today quotes King Saud as saying that the Arab world would find the Eisenhower Middle East doctrine acceptable if "the points I raised here (in Washington) could be clarified to them as they have been to me."

A Washington dispatch to the newspaper, by Marguerite Higgins based on an interview with the king with the aid of a translator.

The king is quoted as saying he would attempt personally to help correct misunderstandings of the past and relay the correct impression of the doctrine to the Middle East nations.

The 55-year-old monarch, meanwhile, arranged a trip to Walter Reed Army Hospital to pick up his 3½-year-old son, Prince Mashhur. While there, Saud was expected to see also about a head-to-toe examination for himself, especially his eyes.

Prince Mashhur is partially paralyzed in his right arm and leg. Walter Reed doctors prescribed corrective shoes and therapy.

Saud was understood to have assured Eisenhower during their three days of talks last week that he has no intention of buying arms from the Soviet bloc as his Arab neighbors — Egypt and Syria — have done.

Officials said Saud told Eisenhower he still looks to the U.S. for arms and training for Saudi Arabian troops. He is said to want possibly to double his 15,000-man force, plus obtain more tanks and jet planes. This would be in exchange for a five-year extension of the agreement permitting the U. S. Air Force to use the Dhahran base 1,000 miles from Russia's Middle East border.

A. E. Ferguson Funeral Home Partner Dies

Well-known city resident, Arthur Ernest Ferguson of 711 Grenville Courts died in Prince Rupert General Hospital yesterday morning at the age of 74.

Born in Meaford, Ontario, he moved west to Edmonton in 1905. Mr. Ferguson established funeral parlors at Fernie, B.C. in 1908 and Blairmore, Alberta, in 1920 before he settled in Prince Rupert in 1945.

He was partner with his two sons, Hugh A., and John H. of Ferguson Funeral Home here.

Mr. Ferguson was a member of The Rocky Mountain Lodge AF and AM, Blairmore; Hillview Chapter, Hillcrest, Alta.; Kincolith Preceptory; Prince Rupert Shrine Club; Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, Blairmore; and the Minerva Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Coleman, Alta.

He was predeceased by his wife Jean here in 1954.

Surviving are four sons; Hugh A. and John H. both of Prince Rupert, David A. in Saskatoon and Donald R. of Edmonton; a sister, Mrs. Retta Van Loon, in Meaford; and Melbourne of Trois Rivieres, Que.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Ferguson Funeral Home.

The Weather

Mostly clear along the mainland and variable cloudiness elsewhere today and Tuesday. A little colder tomorrow. Wind northeast 25 down mainland inlets and northerly 15 elsewhere. Low tonight and high Tuesday at Port Hardy 28 and 36, Sandspit 30 and 36, Prince Rupert 20 and 30.

City Building Nearly Double January, 1956

Construction permits to the value of $76,800 were issued in the city last month it was reported today by building inspector, J. C. Ewart.

The figures show an increase of $44,290 over the month of January 1956 when $32,510 in permits was issued.

Largest permit this month was for $50,000 for a food market to be built by G. P. Lyons, of 201 Fifth Avenue West.

Of the 13 permits issued last month, eight were for commercial, residential and institutional repairs amounting to $1,450.

JC President Here Tonight

Guest speaker at tonight's regular dinner meeting of the Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce will be Elton D. Harwood, president of Region 1 of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, which embraces both B.C. and the Yukon.

Mr. Harwood is currently making a tour of JC organizations in the province.

Forms Available For Allowances

Application forms for families wishing family allowances or family assistance can be obtained in the city at either the immigration department office in the Besner Block or from the CBC offices at 343 Second Avenue West it was announced here today.

Chairman of the citizenship committee of the Prince Rupert Citizenship Council, W. C. Hankinson said today all families are eligible for family allowance providing they have been resident in Canada for more than one year.

Special provision in the form of family assistance has been set up for families who have not been in the country a year and are therefore unable to qualify for the allowance.

Forms for both applications must be filled out by March 31, Mr. Hankinson said.

He added that family assistance is retroactive from date of a family's entry to Canada.

37 Miners Killed By Blast

Entire Crew Reported Dead

By The Canadian Press

BISHOP, Va.—A rumbling gas explosion trapped and killed 37 miners Monday in the cavernous Bishop coal mine that straddles the mountainous Virginia - West Virginia line.

Rescue teams said this number of bodies had been counted below ground. Apparently the entire crew working in a section of the sprawling tunnels fell victims to the blast.

The explosion jammed the elevator that had carried the men in on the Virginia side and rescue work had to be routed through another entrance two and a half miles away on the West Virginia side.

The grimy, masked workers who pushed through to the explosion site had all but abandoned hope for any survivors by the time the first nine bodies were found.

Identification went on below ground before any bodies were brought to the surface. The blast site was described as "about a five minute walk" from the bottom of a 337-foot shaft.

British, U.S. Relations Said Improved

LONDON (Reuters)— British newspapers say Anglo-American relations were improved considerably by Defence Minister Duncan Sandys' talks in Washington.

Sandys returned Sunday from a trip which included a meeting with President Eisenhower and talks with Canadian officials in Ottawa.

He said on his arrival in London that "In all my talks with the United States government, they left me in no doubt that, like us, they wish to re-establish fully and at once the special and intimate relationship between our two countries which was momentarily interrupted by recent events."

THAT LOOKS CAN DECEIVE is proven again by attractive, 26-year-old Margaret Spanton (above) who, believe it or not, makes her living selling 300-ton cranes and other gargantuan machinery. Working for a Detroit firm, the trim, 120-pound ex-photographer's model may be the only woman in the U.S. who sells used machinery of the size of a $215,000 crane on a commission basis. Customers are generally more than mildly surprised to find her in the machinery-vending business and expect her to be at least a decade or two older. "But, after all," says Miss Spanton, "you don't have to look like you can lift a crane in order to sell one.

CRITICAL CONDITION

Russians Deny Patient First Deputy Premier

MOSCOW (AP)— Soviet officials and diplomatic sources today discounted a report that a mystery patient in a Moscow hospital is first deputy premier Lazar M. Kaganovich. But there still was no disclosure of the stricken man's identity.

A German blood specialist, flown here to help treat the patient, presumably a high Soviet official, described him as in critical condition. The doctor said he was not informed of the ailing man's identity and did not recognize him.

It was pointed out that Kaganovich, a member of the soviet praesidium, has been on a "grass roots" tour of Siberian cement plants recently. The German doctor reported the unidentified patient had been ill for at least two weeks.

The opening Tuesday of the Supreme Soviet, Russia's Parliament, may give an opportunity to find out who he is. The higher his rank, the quicker his absence would be noted.

SECRET KEPT

Not even the German blood specialist called in on the case, Dr. Hans Joachim Schulten of Cologne, knew the patient's name.

"I asked them at the hospital who he was, but they said they could not tell me," Schulten told a reporter. "They said it was a secret."

Schulten said the man is in his mid-50s and that his case is "life or death." The specialist would not name the exact blood disease, on the ground of medical ethics, but he said it was not caused by atomic radiation.

One Catches Fire; Other Hits Iceberg

HALIFAX (CP)—Two freighters were abandoned off Nova Scotia today after one caught fire and the other struck an iceberg.

Search and rescue headquarters here said the 408-ton Maid of Le Havre was beached and burning near Cape Sable lighthouse at the southwest tip of Nova Scotia. Her crew reached safety at the light.

Men aboard the 302-ton coastal vessel Petit Bras D'Or took to the boats when their ship struck an iceberg about 35 miles southeast of Louisbourg, N.S.

The captain of the Maid of Le Havre radioed his vessel was afire and his seven-man crew could not get the blaze under control. He said he had 500 barrels of diesel fuel on board.

The Petit Bras D'Or sent out a distress call at 8:45 a.m. after striking an iceberg. The tanker Imperial Halifax was about 15 miles from the Petit's position and started to her aid.

Later the crew was reported abandoning the vessel.

Collections By Customs Show Decrease

A total of $32,564.23 in duty, excise taxes and other taxes levied by the Dominion government Department of Customs in Prince Rupert last month shows the lowest amount collected in seven years, it was revealed today.

For the month of January last year $44,885 was collected while the biggest amount collected since 1950 was $71,517 in January, 1951.

UBC Dean Favors Equal Education

NANAIMO (CP)— The assistant to the president of the University of British Columbia said Sunday he favors equal educational opportunities over high academic standards for the few.

"If it comes to a choice between higher academic standards and equality of social opportunity," Dean Geoffrey C. Andrew said, "I am on the side of equality of social opportunity."

Record Deficit

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada in 1956 had a record deficit of $1,200,100,000 in trade with the United States, the bureau of statistics reported today.

Yorkton Fire Damage Set At $300,000

YORKTON, Sask. (CP)— Fire Chief Burton Harper reported today that one of the worst fires in the history of this town of 8,000 is "all out." No one was injured.

He said damage was expected "to exceed $300,000" but said it was "a rough estimate."

The fire chief, seven firemen, 18 volunteers and 12 policemen worked round the clock Sunday, pouring 550,000 gallons of water into the two-story Smith block in downtown Yorkton.

The chief said the original fire which destroyed the block early Sunday broke out again later and for a time early today threatened a drug store, a bank and an apartment block but there was only smoke and water damage to the buildings.

Father Given 10 to 20 Years In Son's Death

NEW YORK (AP)—A truck driver who allegedly threw his infant son to his death has been given 10 to 20 years in prison.

Charles Buether, 41-year-old Brooklyn beer truck driver, was charged with throwing his 16-months-old son, James, at his wife, during an argument.

A witness testified that Mrs. Buether ducked and the baby hit the wall and fell to the floor.

Editor Named At Sherbrooke

SHERBROOKE, Quebec (CP) — Arnold H. Agnew, 31, of Toronto has been appointed editor-in-chief of the Sherbrooke Record, it has been announced by Ivan Saunders, general manager of the daily newspaper. Mr. Agnew succeeds George T. MacFarlane, who is returning to the Toronto Telegram after two years with The Record. Mr. Agnew has been with The Telegram since 1953.

BALLOTS TO ACT AS GUIDE

Alex Hunter Good Citizen Award Nominations Open

Prince Rupert citizens get their first chance today to choose the person who they consider the most outstanding citizen during 1956 as nominations get underway with the publication of the ballot form for the Alex Hunter Good Citizen Award.

Sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce the award is presented each year to the person obtaining the most votes for contributing outstanding work to the betterment of the city, in the preceding years.

The ballot forms will be published in the Daily News throughout February.

At a meeting of the award committee yesterday it was decided to adopt the suggestion of president of the Citizenship Council, Mrs. D. W. Burnip that the award be presented to the winner on Citizenship Day which falls in the middle of May.

The award committee is composed of representatives from various city organizations.

The nominations by residents will be used as a guide this year it was reported by chairman of the award committee, Alan Hartwig.

Each organization in the city is eligible to submit two names for the award.

In an effort to stimulate a lagging interest in the Alex Hunter award, the committee plans to institute a school-wide essay competition in which students can write a composition on what constitutes a good citizen. Mover of the proposal, Donald Wannamaker, Elks Lodge 342 representative also moved that prizes be given to the best essays on the subject.

Delegates to the committee will approach their respective organizations for monetary contributions towards the prizes.

School principals will be asked to assist by explaining the award to the students.

The Alex Hunter Award was evolved in 1953 by the Junior Chamber of Commerce to honor Mr. Hunter, former editor of the Daily News for 35 years.

Mr. Hunter who was noted for his tireless efforts on behalf of the community, was killed in an accident at Komano in 1952.

Since then, four Prince Rupert citizens have been recipients of the award. They are Dr. J. P. Cude, pioneer physician; R. G. Moore, principal of King Edward High School; W. C. R. Jones, former mill manager of the Columbia Cellulose Company Ltd., Watson Island Mill; Jessie Boulton, well-known community worker, who was last year's winner.

The award committee has decided to retain the point system as a basis for deciding the award winner.

The following evaluation will be used in rating the nominations: 10 points for interest in youth; 15 points for charitableness and service to humanity; five points for leadership; five points for personality and 15 points for activity and length of activity in the interests of the city.

Nominations can be made for persons now living out of town who contributed a lot to the city in 1956 and can also be made posthumously.

Nominations are to be sent to Box 270, Prince Rupert, in care of the Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce Alex Hunter Award Committee.

Next meeting of the award committee will be held March 3 in the Civic Centre at 8 p.m.

NOMINATION FORM

THE ALEX HUNTER AWARD

FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Please consider my nomination of:

X X

As the person to be honored this year as the outstanding citizen for 1956

My Name .....

My Address .....

Fill in and return to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Box 270.

QCI Herring Catch Tops Total for District 2

A total of 7,000 tons of herring was netted in District 2, northern, central and Queen Charlotte Island subdivisions last week it was learned today.

The Queen Charlotte Island subdivision topped the catches with almost 7,000 tons, the majority of which (3,400 tons) was netted January 27. This brings the total caught to date in the subdivision to 25,094 tons.

In the central subdivision 795 tons of herring was caught, 300 tons of which was netted at Ocean Falls and 245 at Bella Coola. This brings the total to date for the season to 12,593 tons.

In the northern subdivision, only 254 tons was netted last week, 240 of which was caught in the Morse Basin. This brings the total to date for this subdivision to 9,272 tons.