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TOPS IN THE LAND—For the second year in a row, Edmonton Eskimos' Jackie Parker is the winner of the Schenley award, given annually to the football player judged the most outstanding in Canada. Parker is shown in Vancouver, scene of tomorrow's Grey Cup game, where he was presented with award yesterday afternoon. Parker is the first player to receive the award two years in a row. (See story on Grey Cup game on Page 6.) —CP photo.

RCMP use tear gas cartridges to break up Doukhobors' march

Sons celebrating leader's birthday

KRESTOVA, B.C. (CP)—About 400 Sons of Freedom Doukhobors were dispersed here Thursday by RCMP tear gas cartridges as they set out on a projected 53-mile march to the provincial government dormitory school for Doukhobor children at New Denver.

Spokesmen for the group said they were celebrating Messiah Day, the 57th birthday of Stefan Sorokin, their spiritual leader living in Uruguay who recently sought permission to return to Canada.

After the dispersal, the fraternal council of the Freedomites wired Sorokin saying: "We forbid you" to return to Canada and suggested "you precede us to Russia and then help us from there."

RCMP BLOCK

Fifteen RCMP officers blocked the Crescent Valley ridge which would have led the parade to the paved Slocan Highway. When the group, spread 800 yards along the road, saw the blockade they stopped and starting singing or kneeling in the snow to pray.

For 30 minutes RCMP and Freedomites haggled. Finally, four tear gas bombs turned the crowd around. They filed slowly, still singing and praying, up a slight hill to Krestova.

Police said there were no other incidents, no injuries and no children present in the group. A Doukhobor spokesman at Trail had claimed children in the parade were gas victims.

NO LEADERS

No recognized leaders were in the group but Freedomite elders Tim Jmaieff of Krestova, Jack Kanigan of Perry's Siding and Andrew Makortoff of Shoreacres were seen among them.

A police official at Nelson said: "They can walk to New Denver any time they feel like it, but not in a group that covers the highway."

Police were skeptical of the groups plans to walk 53 miles to New Denver, where 60 children are under provincial government care because their parents won't send them to school.

318 days without fatality

With the start of National Safety Week Monday, December 1, Prince Rupert will have had 318 days without a fatality, Sgt. J. E. Ruttan, NCO in charge of the City RCMP detachment said today.

At the same time, it was learned here today, that R. A. Hadfield, deputy superintendent of the Motor Vehicle Branch will be here Tuesday to present Mayor P. J. Lester with a safety award from the Canadian Highway Safety Conference in recognition of Prince Rupert enjoying a fatality-free year in 1957.

Last fatal accident here was on January 13, 1958, when city resident John McNaughton died after being struck by a car at the corner of Sixth Avenue and McBride Street.

That means that the city has had only one fatality in the last 683 days since the start of 1957.

National Safety Week which starts December 1 and ends December 7 is sponsored by the Canadian Highway Safety Conference and endorsed by the Canadian Association of Police Chiefs.

"The city has a good record," Sgt. Ruttan said, "Let's keep it that way."

The mayor will receive the safety award on behalf of the citizens of Prince Rupert at 3 p.m. Wednesday in his office at the City Hall.

BENTLEY AND BARBARA are two Terrace children who have been receiving treatment in the orthopaedic junior ward in the Crippled Children's hospital in Vancouver. During 1957, six children from Prince Rupert and 17 from Terrace and two from Smithers were patients in the Children's Hospital for which support will be asked by members of the Prince Rupert Elks Lodge when they start annual March of Dimes drive Monday night. Drive, as in former years will take form of House Bingo, with cards being sold to householders and draw published in Daily News Monday to Friday. Prize is $5,000.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Oil companies pay record fees to explore Peace River area

VICTORIA (CP)—The B.C. department of mines Thursday sold oil and natural gas exploration rights to more than 2,000,000 acres of wildcat land in the northern Peace River country.

It was the biggest oil acreage sale in the history of the province and yielded $3,629,218.23 in fees, rents and bonuses.

Shell Oil Company of Canada Ltd. was the major bidder with successful bid on 41 parcels of land.

VICTORIA (CP)—The Canadian Council of the Blind Thursday asked for provincial legislation to govern and control all appeals on behalf of blind persons.

A delegation headed by Capt. Merrill Robinson, national CNIB director for British Columbia, met here with representatives of the attorney-general's department.

Many unsavory persons and organizations are using the name of the blind groups and taking advantage of the kindness and generosity of the general public, Capt. Robinson said.

"It constitutes a real menace," he added.

"When the public finds out it has been taken, it holds a resentment against the CNIB for not providing some protection."

VICTORIA (CP)—The 1959 spring criminal assizes will open Feb. 3 in Nanaimo and March 10 in Victoria.

The 1959 fall criminal assizes will open Sept. 8 in Nanaimo and Oct. 6 in Victoria.

Dates were set yesterday by the provincial cabinet.

VICTORIA (CP)—British Columbia school children will get a 16-day Christmas holiday, education Minister Leslie Peterson said Thursday.

Classes will be dismissed at the regulation time Dec. 19 and will resume Jan. 5.

VANCOUVER (CP)—W. H. Mowatt, president of the British Columbia Cancer Foundation, told the annual meeting Wednesday night that cancer treatment facilities in the province will be greatly expanded next year.

He said a $230,000 addition to the institute building here will begin in February; a new clinic has been approved for Victoria—including a small Cobalt 60 unit—and will likely be included in the new wing at Royal Jubilee Hospital; and in February a consultative clinic will be opened at Dawson Creek, B.C.

Mr. Mowatt said the 1958 fund raising campaign has grossed $315,000.

BURNS LAKE, B.C. (CP)—Fire believed to have started in a living room stove Thursday gutted the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reg Worthing and their two small children at Decker Lake, 15 miles north of here.

FIVE ORGANIZATIONS PLEDGE SUPPORT TO SYMPHONY DRIVE

Five organizations have now given their full support to a ticket-selling drive that will ensure that the Vancouver Symphony orchestra comes to Prince Rupert in mid-March.

Yesterday the Prince Rupert Teachers association, the Rotary club and the Civic Centre association offered their help to that first pledged by the Elks Lodge 342 and the Prince Rupert Gyro club.

Ernest McKeown, president of the Prince Rupert Teachers association said local teachers would support the campaign "to the hilt."

The Rotary club at its weekly meeting yesterday voted unanimously to give its full support to the project "providing that 10 other city organizations also support it."

The Civic Centre association board at its monthly meeting last night approved a motion that "the Civic Centre be one of the sponsoring organizations to bring the Vancouver Symphony orchestra here providing that the association not be responsible for any loss incurred."

Highway 16 to be big test for symphony says official

Moving a 68-piece symphony orchestra around British Columbia is no easy task, Arthur Smith, personnel manager of the Vancouver Symphony orchestra said here Monday night.

Mr. Smith was speaking to an interested group of residents who hope to have the Vancouver Symphony include Prince Rupert in its itinerary when it makes a tour of north-central British Columbia in mid-March.

"My job is to keep 68 musicians happy, to see that 68 or more costly instruments are not damaged and keep up the morale of the musicians who are all members of the Musicians Union and sometimes sticklers for the rules and regulations being observed to the letter," Mr. Smith said.

He said that he had travelled the Terrace to Prince Rupert stretch of Highway 16 and that it would be the symphony's biggest test.

He recalled that when the buses carrying the big musical aggregation through the West Kootenays were travelling the Cascade Highway between Grand Forks and Rossland, there were places on the two summits where the buses had to back up and make several passes at the switch-backs to get around some of the corners.

When he thought of the present condition of Highway 16, he said he shuddered at the thought of 66 or more instruments banging up and down in the bus.

However, he told the meeting: "If you want us to come here, we'll come no matter what type of transportation we have to use to get here."

ALBERNI (CP)—A new 60-foot provincial government ferry will soon begin operating between Thetis Island and Chemainus on the east coast of Vancouver Island. The vessel was launched here unofficially Wednesday.

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Allies plan campaign to remain in Berlin

By JOHN HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Western allies began mapping strategy today for a long diplomatic battle against Russia's "free city" campaign aimed at ousting them from West Berlin.

The state department gave notice Thursday night that the U.S. government does not intend to "enter into any agreement with the Soviet Union which, whatever the form, would have the end result of abandoning the people of West Berlin to hostile domination."

The statement promised careful study of Russia's proposal to convert West Berlin into a free city protected by some kind of United Nations watchdog operation. It also promised consultations with Britain, France and West Germany as well as other NATO allies.

LONG-RUN REJECTION

But officials said privately that while the statement did not specifically and immediately reject the Soviet proposition, there was no doubt that in the long run, probably late next month, it would be turned down.

Indication were that the consultations will reach a climax at a meeting of foreign ministers of the 15 NATO allies in Paris Dec. 15. Officials predicted the Western powers will delay until then their reply to notes sent them Thursday by the Soviet government.

REDS KEEP GRIP

The U.S. statement said "the Soviets seem to be proposing that while they keep their grip on East Berlin, the three Western allies abandon their rights in West Berlin and retire in favor of what is called a "free city."

The statement noted that the "free city" would be limited to West Berlin. It also emphasized that unless the Western powers accept the Soviet proposal within six months, Russia proposes to abandon its position as an occupation power, including its obligations to help the Western Big Three preserve their status in West Berlin.

"The United States will not acquiesce in a unilateral repudiation" of that kind, the statement said.

Did you know?

. . . That no person operating a vehicle shall make any turns commonly known as U-turns except at intersections and no such U-turns shall be made at any intersection on Third Avenue from McBride Street to Seventh Street inclusive, and U-turns on Second Avenue will be permitted at intersections in an easterly or westerly direction only between McBride Street and Seventh Street.

Reds offer inspection plan

GENEVA (AP)—The Soviet bloc offered today to negotiate an elaborate international inspection system to prevent surprise attack provided the West agreed to other disarmament measures.

Jiri Hajek of Czechoslovakia, speaking on behalf of he five Communist nations, put the offer before the 10-power East-West conference on ways of preventing surprise attack.

House bingo card canvass starts Monday

Members of the Elks Lodge 342 will be out in full force Monday night, and if the weather is poor, Tuesday and Wednesday nights also, to make sure that no one is missed in the House Bingo card canvass.

For the third year in a row the Elks are seeking $3,000 in their annual March of Dimes for Crippled Children. The money goes to the crippled children's Hospital in Vancouver which serves children from all over British Columbia. Six children from Prince Rupert received treatment there last year.

A prize of $500 awaits the person who forms the letter "E" for Elks on his or her bingo card. Draw will be made Monday to Friday at The Daily News with the results, and preceeding draws, published in the paper.

Anyone may have as many cards as they wish.

Persons noting a number on their card which coincides with one in the paper circles it on their card in pencil. First person to complete a letter "E" telephones the Elks Lodge at 3921 and shouts "BINGO".

VANCOUVER (CP)—Real estate firms which have violated the Lord's Day Act are going to get off with a warning but they won't if they repeat the offence. This information was given to Vancouver police commission Thursday

First Civic Band program well received by audience

By BRIAN GOULD
Daily News Staff Writer

Prince Rupert's new Civic Band got away to a sound start at the Civic Centre last night with its first public performance.

Its program was that selected by its late director, Peter Lien, in whose memory the band played the first item, "Our Director", a march.

The band gave a creditable and unpretentious performance under the direction of Joseph Arduini, and should reach greater heights with more experience.

There should be no lack of public support if last night's attendance is any criterion.

The auditorium was three-quarters full with, nearly an estimated 400 persons present.

The selection included two unusual items. One was the "Jolly Coppersmith," notable last night for the way in which the whole band stood up and sang it.

The other was "Jealous Heart" which—as the audience soon realized—was not written for a brass band.

On the other hand, they did no more damage to its writer's design than do the bogus cowpokes of the current Hit Parade.

But Joanne Clee put things right when she made a simple, appealing job of singing "Bless This House," George Gershwin's "Summertime," and—as an encore—Richard Rodgers' "With a Song in My Heart."

Even the Hit Paraders can't fool about with those three: Joanne didn't, and the result was delightful.

Then came two neat accordion duets from Mike Colussi and Alberta Cameron, one of which was "The Sleeping Beauty" waltz, suprisingly enough.

The remainder of the program included some thumping marches, polkas, sea shanties and waltzes; plus Handel's wistful little gem, the "Minuet from Bernice," which was played gracefully.

Three ideas suggest themselves if the band plans future concerts of a similar nature:

Could the Civic Centre management see that the floor hockey and basketball enthusiasts in the adjacent gymnasium keep things quieter during the performance?

Could the known jazz enthusiasts in the band be permitted a public fling (forgetting civic dignity)?

And will they retain the services of Joanne Clee next time?

Finally, will everyone concerned please make sure there is a next time?

City man fined $50

Alexander Gordon Leighton, 20, of Prince Rupert was fined $50, costs or in default of payment sentenced to 25 days in jail when he was found guilty by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite in city police court yesterday to a charge of contributing to juvenile delinquency.

Leighton was charged with Richard Campbell, 21, also of Prince Rupert after they were arrested in Prince George and brought back here on November 5.

Campbell was acquitted after he was found not guilty by Magistrate Applewhaite.

WEATHER—

Cloudy, with showers frequently mixed with snow in the mainland inlets. Variable cloudiness with scattered showers tomorrow. Milder. Wind southerly 15 occasionally 25. Low tonight and high Saturday 38 and 45.

TIDES

Saturday, Nov. 29, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	03:05	19.6 feet
	14:48	21.1 feet
Low	09:51	8.9 feet
	21:24	3.6 feet