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B.C. CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE,
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Plans For Billion-Dollar Development For North Offered B.C. Government

STACKED UP in a heaping pile in a junk yard in New York City, these ancient autos patiently await their fate. They were junked by motorists who were unwilling to repair the vehicles so they could pass an auto inspection. By junking the cars, their owners also avoided having to pay premiums on the newly required compulsory auto insurance. The autos bring an average of $15 to $25 in the graveyards.

Russia, U.S. Clash

Reds Urge Debate On "Aggression"

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (CP)—The Egyptian-Israeli deadlock in the Middle East appeared today to have brought about a new clash in the United Nations between the two major world powers—the United States and Russia.

With the General Assembly waiting to proceed with a debate on a U.S. plan to reconcile the Egyptian and Israeli positions, the Soviet Union Tuesday night threw in a new and ominous call for that body to take up without delay the question of American aggression around the world.

In a letter made public Tuesday night, Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Vassily Kuznetsov, called on Prince Wan of Thailand, the General Assembly president, to summon the assembly immediately to discuss the Soviet charges that the U.S. has committeed aggressive acts by building military bases capable of using atomic weapons throughout the world.

U.S. EASES STAND

The U.S. Monday night reversed its previous stand which some elements both at home and in other delegations had assailed as a pro-Arab policy.

The state secretary, in a surprise move which brought optimism here, assured Israel that the U.S. would back its demands for guarantee against Egypt if the troops were pulled out.

GARY EWING, 16, lies injured on the sidewalk on University Avenue in downtown Toronto after being knocked from his bicycle and injured. Bending over him, his face drawn with concern, is C. R. Gregory, driver of the car. An ambulance attendant (extreme left) and a truck driver try to help. The boy's condition was not serious. (CP Photo).

Prince George To Be Centre Of Vast Industrial Empire

VICTORIA (CP)—One of the world's wealthiest men has presented the British Columbia government with a plan that could lead to the development of a large portion of the province's unsettled northland.

The project has the financial support of Axel L. Wenner-Gren, 75-year-old Swedish financier.

Government officials here say the germ of the idea was born in conversations 2½ years ago between Wenner-Gren Foundation officials and W. A. MacAdam, B.C. agent-general in London.

The multi-million dollar scheme was outlined in the B.C. Legislature Tuesday by Lands and Forests Minister Ray Williston.

In effect, Wenner-Gren has offered to build a 400-mile monorail in return for first chance at staking minerals, timber stands and hydro-electric power developments in an area comprising one tenth of the entire province.

"There is every indication that this corporation means business," Mr. Williston said.

"Already three survey contracts have been let totalling more than $3,000,000."

As an illustration of good faith Wenner-Gren deposited $500,000 with the B.C. Government.

It would be returned upon satisfactory proof that the $5,000,000 allocated for surveys had been spent, or in the event the B.C. government found the plans for northern development were unsatisfactory.

Prince George, 465 miles north of Vancouver and in the geographical centre of the province, would be the gateway to the vast development.

The continental-type monorail railway would be built from Ford McLeod, 65 miles north of Prince George, the Pacific Great Eastern Railway's northern terminus, to the Yukon border.

Monorail trains would run at speeds of 180 to 200 miles an hour on a concrete ramp with the rail on top.

Pulp Mill, Hydro Projects Foreseen

The Wenner-Gren B.C. Development Co. Ltd., which has been incorporated to handle the surveys, said if the scheme is carried through at least one pulp mill of not less than 100,000 tons annual capacity would be built; also sawmills, hydro-electric power units, townsites, roads, hospitals and schools, including technical institutions.

The Vancouver Province says completion of the project could cost nearly $1,000,000,000.

"We are doing the survey to establish what resources are contained within the area," said Bernard Gore, managing director of the development company.

"When we have finished we shall present our report outlining what we propose to do. If the government accepts our proposals we shall follow through with the development."

The country to be developed is virtually uninhabited although the earliest and first white settlement on the B.C. mainland was at Fort McLeod, founded in the spring of 1805 by James McDougall, one of Simon Fraser's subordinates.

About 40,000 square miles along the Rocky Mountain Trench, a valley which begins in Idaho, come under the terms of the survey and subsequent development.

GETS VERY COLD

Known now as the Omineca Valley, in the days of the fur trade it was New Caledonia. Temperatures often drop to 60 below in winter.

Mr. Gore said aerial surveys of the area's potential mineral resources started last week.

In the memorandum of agreement read by Mr. Williston in the legislature, the Wenner-Gren interests said the survey would be completed by the end of 1958 and construction of the railway started not later than April 1, 1960.

"The firm has been looking for a practical spot to demonstrate to the world that it has the answer to future long-range, high-speed transportation," Mr. Williston said.

Wenner-Gren, 75, has been surrounded by an air of conflicting reports which led to his being termed an "international mystery man" in Canadian and United States newspapers.

He started his multi-million-dollar empire in 1925 when he spear-headed development of a vacuum sweeper. He later turned to refrigerator production, bought into Swedish armament and airplane concerns, and took over control of the Swedish pulp and paper trust.

TELEPHONE ISSUE

Directory Firm Rapped For Distribution Lack

Charges that B.C. Directories Ltd., had not fulfilled its promise of a city-wide distribution of a recent telephone supplement for which it solicited advertising, were made in city council Monday night by Ald. A. Donald Ritchie.

Ald. Ritchie also queried the authority of the directory to conduct such a solicitation in the city and suggested the city's legal advisers establish where the publishing company got permission to use the city's telephone directory.

Ald. Ritchie claimed merchants were not getting a fair deal from the directory publishers as it had solicited advertising from them on the promise of a city-wide distribution.

Not every section of the city had received these home supplement editions, he said.

"In the directory itself it states they will deliver the directories free to all homes and businesses in the canvass area. This just hasn't been done," Ald. Ritchie explained.

Research Ship Arrives Here Next Wednesday

Prince Rupert will receive a visit from a Royal Canadian Navy research ship next Wednesday.

The coastal escort, HMCS Oshawa, recently converted for Pacific Naval Laboratory duties to replace the research vessel HMCS Cedarwood, is out on an oceanographic data - gathering mission labelled "Operation Norpac."

Equipped with special scientific instruments, the ship will be at sea until March 8, calling at Kodiak, twice before arriving here.

Commanded by L-Cdr. G. H. Barrick CD, RCN, the Oshawa and its team of scientists from the Pacific Biological Station at Nanaimo will leave Prince Rupert on February 22 to return to Esquimalt.

TOUCH OF SPRING.—Four-year-old Joyce Battrum finds a touch of spring in the Vancouver park board nursery as she poses surrounded with plum blossoms. Shortly after this photo was taken, Joyce ran outside to play in an early February snowfall. (CP Photo).

Application For Rezoning To Be Heard

Hearing of an application by Armstrong Agencies Ltd., for rezoning of property at the corner of Hays' Cove Circle and Sixth Avenue East will take place at the next regular City Council meeting February 25.

A recommendation from the council's zoning committee that the zoning by-law be amended to give effect to the agency's application for the area to be rezoned from residential to minimum density commercial property was received by council and the hearing agreed to. The lots are sought for construction of a service station.

Report on the proposed rezoning will be given council by municipal planner Don South.

MURDER TRIAL NEAR

Wife in Friend's Arms Said Cause of Shooting

NANAIMO (CP)—A 31-year-old logger from Duncan testified Tuesday that he "lost control" of himself after finding his estranged wife in the arms of a long-time friend, Paul Powling, 25.

However, Thomas Sydney Symes said, "I don't remember shooting him . . ."

Symes was the last of four defence witnesses called at his own trial for murder in the New Year's Day shooting of Powling, who Symes said had been his friend for 12 years.

A verdict was considered possible late today.

Symes told the court he had been married and "quite happy" for four years. He had signed a separation agreement with his wife December 12 and she moved to a Duncan rooming-house.

Symes said he heard rumors that his wife, 27-year-old Ramona, had been "running around" with Powling, but they had denied it.

He said that after a heavy drinking bout, he had gone to the home of a nephew early January 1 and borrowed a rifle which he said he wanted to take to a camp on Thurlow Island.

He drove by his wife's house to say good-bye, Symes testified.

"I opened the door and saw my wife lying on the bed in the arms of Paul Powling," he said. "I lost control of myself, I could not stand it."

"I was driven out of my mind. I don't remember shooting him . . . I don't recall very much."

Earlier a statement was admitted as evidence by Mr. Justice J. O. Wilson which RCMP Sgt. William Currie said was made and signed by Symes.

The statement said: "I shot Paul. I killed him. There is no question about it, no question about it at all. He was at one time my best friend but he beat me out of my family . . . He drove me crazy over it."

JAMBORETTE SLATED

Scouting, Guiding Skills To Be Shown February 22

Anybody who cannot build a rope bridge, tie a knot, send a signal, sing a song, run a race take a tumble or fix a fractured femur should report to Prince Rupert's Civic Centre on Friday, February 22.

Nearly 300 Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies from Prince Rupert, Port Edward and Digby Island will be holding their Jamborette and displaying the whole range of skills acquired during training.

Ages range from 13 years way down to eight, but even the youngest can teach the majority of adults a trick or two.

During the Jamborette, newly appointed District Commissioner E. A. Williamson will be introduced to both boys and parents.

On Friday, a week before the big show, the four local troops of Scouts and Guides will launch their annual appeal for funds. They hope to raise $1,500 to pay for equipment and camps.

Everyone with an address or mailbox in this area will receive a letter explaining the appeal. But the important thing is that they will also get a stamped and addressed envelope for their response.

G.F. Delgren Resident Here 30 Years, Dies

A resident of the Prince Rupert area for 30 years, Gunnar Frederick Delgren of 141 Second Avenue West died in Prince Rupert General hospital yesterday morning at the age of 59.

Born in Sweden he came to Canada and Vancouver before moving to Prince Rupert shortly afterwards.

Mr. Delgren was a filter plant operator at the Columbia Cellulose Company Ltd., Watson Island mill for the past seven years.

Surviving are his wife, Rosabella in Port Alberni and a son, Gunnar in Vancouver.

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

Man Pleads Not Guilty To Break-In

A former Masset man elected summary trial in city police court this morning on a charge of breaking and entering and theft of a radio yesterday from a city doctor's office.

Remanded by Magistrate W. D. Vance until tomorrow morning for trial is George Henry White of no fixed address.

White, who pleaded not guilty, is charged with breaking and entering and stealing a radio from Dr. Donald Oakley's office at 310 Third Avenue West yesterday afternoon.

Police said the accused was arrested shortly afterwards as the result of investigations.

Mayor Fined

VERNON (CP)—Mayor Frank Becker of Vernon received the minimum fine of $50 in Vernon police court Tuesday when he pleaded guilty to a charge of having liquor in his possession in a public place. The offence took place several weeks ago.

Quarter of Jaguar Plant Reduced To Rubble in Fire

COVENTRY, Eng. (Reuters)—Salvage workers today began digging into the debris of a fire which destroyed about a quarter of the Jaguar automobile factory.

The flames Tuesday night did millions of dollars in damage to the plant, which produces one of Britain's famous luxury automobiles.

Typists, clerks, and maintenance workers waded in knee-deep water to push or drive some 400 cars from the building. The prototypes for Jaguar's new models, to be unveiled shortly, were saved.

The fire was checked before it reached a 500-gallon underground gasoline tank and a $700,000 paint shop.

Sir William Lyon, chairman and general manager, said the plant may be able to resume limited production in about a week.

Jaguar produces about 1,000 cars a week, about 75 to 80 per cent of them for export. Each is worth about £1,000.

AMBITIOUS PROGRAM

Big Display at Civic Centre, More Races Planned by City Outboard Motor Group

A big show at the Civic Centre, more harbor races than ever before, the possibility of outdoor meetings at Prudhomme Lake and the formation of a hydroplane section were all part of an ambitious 1957 program outlined to Prince Rupert Outboard association last night.

The exhibition of outboard motors, boats and accessories will be put on in the Civic Centre auditorium on April 17.

President Henry Seppa told members that it was hoped local dealers and manufacturers would display all the latest equipment available. He added that their response so far had been very encouraging.

Members will parade about 25 of their own craft and motors, plus any novel ideas for accessories.

Races in the harbor this year will be held on May 26 or 27, June 23, July 21, August 18 and September 15. These dates have to coincide with tides.

This constitutes the biggest racing fixture list ever compiled by the association. There were only two race dates in 1956 and just one in 1955.

There is also a possibility that the races may include events for hydroplanes—high-speed, water-slim constructions that demand extremely clever handling.

Two are being built the do-it-yourself way and three other members are reported to be considering entering the speed-and-bounce squad.

Outdoor race meetings on Prudhomme Lake may also be held in the near future. The Association is inquiring about suitable facilities before making a firm statement.

Naval Fire Chief To Visit City

Lt. (SB) N. Duval, RCN, Base Fire Chief, will arrive in Prince Rupert Friday for an inspection of RCN Reserve division HMCS Chatham. During his visit Lt. Duval will stay at the Savoy Hotel.

Four Executed

ALGIERS (Reuters)—Four Algerian rebels were executed by the French at dawn today.

Fund For Fire Victims Climbs Little Faster

The McIntyre Fire Relief Fund climbed a little faster today as another $27 boosted the amount received so far to $93.00.

A fund of $140 which has been held by the Royal Bank of Canada ever since it was deposited there by the Daily News in 1953 has been almost depleted as officials have already charged that much on credit to buy necessary clothing for the fire victims.

Today's contributions were made by C. P. Bohannon, $10, Smith and Elkins $10, a Mr. Thorne $2, and A. E. Norton, $5.

It was learned today that Mrs. Yet Wong who is organizing the distribution of clothing to the McIntyre Block victims, has arranged for most of them to receive clothing essentials.

The Daily News re-opened the fire relief fund, established in 1953 to aid the victims of the King George Rooms fire which claimed five lives, after last Wednesday's disastrous McIntyre Block fire.

The money will be used to clothe the 20 tenants, including seven children, who lost most of their possessions in the fire which razed the top and destroyed the second storeys of the buildings.

Contributions to the fund can be sent to the Daily News Editorial Department, Prince Rupert.

WEATHER

Gale warning in effect. Cloudy with showers today and Thursday. Not quite so mild. Winds southwesterly 35 becoming westerly 30 tonight and decreasing to 20 Thursday. Low tonight and high Thursday at Port Hardy 35 and 42, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 35 and 40.

Projects For Planning City Expenditures Set

Method of planning for capital expenditures for the city of Prince Rupert in the next ten years was outlined as part of the Civic Planning committee's projects in city council last night.

The projects outlined by chairman of the committee Ald. P. J. Lester were as follows:

- To investigate and study the city's requirements over the next ten years in respect to projects requiring capital expenditure.
- To ascertain priorities for each project and to formulate for the completion of each.
- To recommend a program of financing for such projects.

In other business the question of adequate notification before a special council meeting so aldermen could make arrangements to attend, was brought up again last night.

Ald. P. J. Lester, referring to the recent visit of Associated Engineers who met with council to discuss the water supply and distribution, told Mayor George E. Hills notice of a meeting on the same day the meeting was held was not sufficient.

Mayor Hills replied that in the case, the engineers had only a limited time and meeting had to be called quickly.

He said council hoped to arrange such meetings in the future with due notice.