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VICTORIA, B.C.	High	3:06	19.8 feet
		23:02	16.8 feet
	Low	3:27	9.7 feet
		16:48	5.3 feet

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Prime Minister Announces End Of Railway Firemen's Strike

To Place Dispute Before Judges

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent announced today in the Commons that the CPR firemen's strike has been settled.

He said it was settled through agreement to submit the issue of use of firemen of diesels — main point of the dispute between CPR and the Union—to a three man commission.

"Transportation services will be resumed forthwith," the prime minister said.

Mr. St. Laurent said it is understood that immediate notices will be sent to all concerned.

Service would resume not later than daylight Saturday.

He said the Commission will be composed of three judges. They would have the benefit of any advice required from the Federal Board of Transport Commissioners, and other sources they deemed necessary.

They would submit their report not later than October 1.

Mr. St. Laurent made the announcement shortly before 2 p.m. (PST) after conferring earlier with president N. R. Crump of the CPR, and union officials.

The strike started January 2.

First Two Refugees Arrive Here

The first two Hungarian refugees, both of whom are already scheduled for a work interview with Columbia Cellulose Company at Watson Island, arrived in the city today.

They are Dr. George Graf, 36 and Louis Kavoes, 21 both of Budapest who arrived here this afternoon by CPA plane.

The two men escaped from the revolt-torn country by walking from Budapest to Vienna and then flying to Amsterdam. From Amsterdam, they flew to Vancouver via Greenland over the Great polar route.

The pair were made available to Columbia Cellulose Company through special arrangements with the Department of Immigration due to the two men's chemical background. Dr. Graf has been a professor at a technical university in Budapest in the pulp, paper and printing department, while Mr. Kovaes is a third year economics student at Budapest University.

The two men, smiling despite their speedy, but wearying trip, are here to be interviewed by Mr. Morris Wayman, technical director of CCC.

While in the city the two technical men are guest of the company at the Prince Rupert Hotel.

Meanwhile John Stokes, chairman of Operation Hungarian said today, that a donation had already been made toward the tag day set for tomorrow to help defray expenses of looking after the contingent of refugees expected here next Wednesday.

He said that seven-year-old Leslie Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cook had offered the contents of her piggy bank toward the tag day fund.

NAVY FROGMEN from Halifax prepare to search the ice-covered Montreal aqueduct for the body of Sgt. Eric Verdon, missing two weeks. The body was recovered inside his car which had fallen into the aqueduct. Verdon, whose parents live in Toronto, had been stationed in Montreal. (CP Photo).

City Assessments Up $701,050 Over 1956

Total value of the city of Prince Rupert taxable land, improvements and machinery assessments for 1957 tops $16,750,000 it was reported today by assessor Harold M. Alderdice.

Figures released place the total at $16,812,422, an increase of $701,050 over a similar combined total in 1956 of $16,110,372.

Mr. Alderdice said the comparisons were favorable considering there was only $5,000 worth of new improvements.

An analysis of the city's assessments with 1956 totals in brackets shows land valued this year at $2,788,875 ($2,674,400) improvements, $12,488,955 ($11,901,308) and equipment machinery, $1,534,592 ($1,578,085).

Boost in the land assessments is due to current sales, Mr. Alderdice said.

Assessment notices, now in the hands of some 3,500 homeowners, show totals unchanged from last year's he said.

"It's some are up, some are down" picture in the city, reported Mr. Alderdice.

The basis of 1957 valuations for assessment purposes on land is 60 per cent of the 1953-1957 current sales.

Improvements are assessed on 60 per cent of the 1953 current sales and machinery and equipment valuations for assessment are arrived at by 60 per cent of what they were in 1953.

System employed by the city assessor is the same used throughout the province.

Mr. Alderdice said the Provincial Government equalization department, Act issues a price manual, the figures therein being the same as the sales. The manual is used as a guide to get a balanced assessment.

Each piece of property is individually checked and comparisons made with a similar locality in the city—or if one does not exist—with another district in the province, before an assessment is made, he stressed.

Values for assessment purposes are kept up to date through the sales which come into the office every month.

He cautioned citizens not to think of assessments as taxes.

SANDRA FRANCIS, 22-year-old Toronto dancer, has been attracting attention among London's cafe society. Newspapers have reported her in the company of the Marquis of Milford Haven and Anthony Beauchamp, Sir Winston Churchill's son-in-law. She is a former dancer with the National Ballet of Canada. She has been on the stage and in films in Italy and England. (CP Photo).

Salmon Fishing Season Slated To Open July 7

Opening of the gillnet salmon fishing season has been tentatively set at 6 p.m. July 7, 1957, it was decided at a recent meeting of the Skeena Salmon Management committee.

The fishing seasons and other regulations and recommendations Skeena Salmon management committee will be discussed at a meeting in **Prince Rupert January 19** and in **Vancouver January 24**, with members of the fishing industry and the committee's advisory board.

At the Vancouver meeting the committee proposed tentative regulations based on studies and investigations in 1955 and 1956. A. J. Whitmore, Chief Supervisor of Fisheries and Dr. A. W. H. Needler of Nanaimo stressed that the regulations are subject to revision as may be desirable in the light of the January 19 discussions.

The committee suggested that the upriver commercial fishing boundary for all salmon fishing in the Skeena Gillnet Area in 1957 be maintained at Mowitch—Veitch Point line.

Prior to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 7, 1957, only gillnets having mesh not less than 8" linen, or 8½" nylon, stretched measure, will be permitted, and prior to this date a 72-hour weekly closed period from 6:00 p.m. Thursday, until 6:00 p.m. Sunday be maintained.

Fishing for salmon with gillnets of any mesh size be permitted after 6:00 p.m. July 7, 1957, until the end of the fishing season, will be as follows:

- **From July 7 to July 28** — 96 hour weekly close time 6:00 p.m. Wednesday to 6:00 p.m. Sunday.
- **From July 28 to August 11**—72 hour weekly close time, 6:00 p.m. Thursday to 6:00 p.m. Sunday.
- **From August 11 to September 1**—96 hour weekly close time, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday to 6:00 p.m. Sunday.
- **From September 1 to end of season** — 72 hour weekly close time 6:00 p.m. Thursday to 6:00 p.m. Sunday.

The weekly closed times shall be extended if the proposed weekly closures, in the opinion of the Committee, are deemed insufficient to provide adequate escapement of salmon for reproduction purposes.

Bartenders, Waiters Seek Strike Vote

City bartenders and waiters have applied for a government-supervised strike vote, J. S. Furness, business agent for the Hotel and Restaurant Employers and Bartenders Union, Local 638 (CLC), reported to the Prince Rupert Labor Council last night.

He said a conciliation board had handed down a unanimous award giving the bartenders union members a 15 cents per hour wage increase retroactive to July 15 and 4 per cent holiday pay.

The bartenders had accepted the award, Mr. Furness said, but the hotel managers had rejected it.

The union had then voted to ask for a supervised strike vote.

The business agent said that it was the first raise the bartenders had received in four years. It would give tapman a basic wage of $1.00 an hour and waiters $1.35 per hour.

Death of E. E. Winch Breaks 22-Year Old Team

VANCOUVER (CP)—Ernest E. Winch, veteran CCF member of the British Columbia Legislature, died at 8 a.m. today in the Vancouver General hospital. The 77-year-old legislator, father of Harold Winch, CCF MP for Vancouver East, suffered a heart attack a week ago.

Ernest Winch, a former bricklayer, and his son were elected to the B.C. legislature in 1933, Mr. Winch for Burnaby and Harold for Vancouver East. Harold remained in the legislature until 1953 when he went to Ottawa.

Outside of Tom Uphill, veteran MLA for the coal mining constituency of Fernie, the elder Winch was the oldest member of the legislature.

Both Mr. Winch and his son were first elected to the provincial legislature in 1933.

Their combined 23 years and four months of legislative service easily surpassed the former record of Britain's Joseph and Austen Chamberlain, in the British House of Commons, a partnership of 22 years less two days.

Mr. Winch, a bricklayer, and Harold, an electrician, were both unemployed in 1933 when the CCF first contested a B.C. election.

"We were both on relief at the time," Mr. Winch said.

In those early days when he gave up bricklaying for Socialism, Mr. Winch once recalled, he hid Rev. J. F. Woodsworth, founder of the Federation, under a bed because he thought the RCMP were looking for him.

Born in England, Mr. Winch attended "ordinary village school" and moved to Canada when he was 19.

Outspoken both inside and outside the legislative buildings at Victoria, he devoted a major part of his career to trying to get better conditions in provincial jail and mental institutions.

E. E. "ERNIE" WINCH
. . hid Woodsworth under bed.

Says Refugees Must Be Given Good Start

How soon the expected Hungarian refugees scheduled for Prince Rupert become good citizens depends on whether they get off to a good start, W. C. Hankinson, past-president of the Prince Rupert Canadian Citizenship Council said last night.

For ten minutes last night Mr. Hankinson was a "delegate" to the Labor Council giving a report on the organizational meeting of city groups involved in "Operation Hungarian." The Labor Council's delegate had been unable to attend.

Thirty homes had been offered the refugees, Mr. Hankinson told delegates. Nine persons had specified that if certain skilled workers were among the refugees, then jobs were available for them. Four families had offered homes to Hungarian children.

Biggest problem would be the language barrier, Mr. Hankinson said. However, first the refugees had to be settled in their new homes, and it was up to the people of Prince Rupert to do what they could to help the refugees became self-sustaining until they became good friends and neighbors and had found a place of their own to live.

Mr. Hankinson said that seven interpreters had been found so far to help with the language problem.

He urged Labor Council delegates to decide what they could do for "Operation Hungarian" whether it be offering a home, a bed, a chesterfield, a high chair or any other form of assistance.

SKATING AT OLIVER LAKE

For the third night in a row Prince Rupert residents skated at Lake Oliver as the weather remained cold and clear.

Car loads of parents and children arrived at Lake Oliver to skate on crystal clear ice.

A huge bon-fire, made by a group of men on the bank provided light and warmth for the skaters.

Meanwhile at Gyro Park a group of volunteer firemen worked to box in the foundation for a skating rink and lay a thin layer of water to form a base.

Shorter Work Week Seen Answer to Automation

Prince Rupert Labor Council delegates were warned last night to prepare for automation and when it came they should seek a shorter work week with wages kept at a high level.

The statement was made by International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers delegate Angus Macphee, as the Prince Rupert Labor Council endorsed the action of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (CLC) in going on strike against the CPR.

The meeting defeated a motion to endorse the firemen's strike on the basis of safety, after delegate James Forman said delegates were not sufficiently well-informed to comment on the various aspects of rail tie-up.

Mr. Macphee said there was more than safety involved in the strike. Main issue at stake was the affect of automation on the working force.

"The only answer to automation is to get ready for it. We are faced with it as we can't stand in the way of progress. The only solution is for working hours to be cut and pay to be kept up," he said.

Mr. Forman said that in yard switching the engineer doesn't move a diesel engine without a signal from a man outside. The switchman was the "eyes of the train," he said. A former railroad employee said that there were three switchmen in the yard while switching of cars was being carried out. On top of that he said diesel engines were fitted with two "deadman' safety precautions one for the hand and one for the feet in the event that an engineer suffered a heart attack.

Mr. Macphee said that since automation was inevitable and fewer men would be needed, the CPR should have guaranteed the firemen that their regular pay would have been continued until they had been placed satisfactorily throughout the rail system.

To Urge Protective Measures

The committee also proposes to make recommendation as follows relating to adjacent fishing areas to the end of extending similar protective measures for Skeena-bound sockeye and pink salmon whilst passing through those areas:

Nass Gillnet Area—Sub Area 3X and 3Y only—Same weekly closed times from July 7 to September 1, 1957.

Salmon Purse Seine Area No. 5—Beaver Passage and Ogden Channel only. Same weekly closed times from July 28 to September 1, 1957.

Findings of the committee were as follows:

1. The 1956 Skeena sockeye run was composed of 4-and 5-year old sockeye originating from brood stocks seriously depleted by the Babine River slide of 1951 and 1952. The run was somewhat larger than expected due to a relatively good return of 4-year-olds from the 1952 brood, which provided the bulk of the catch and a substantial portion of the Babine escapement.

2. The 1956 sockeye catch of about 150,000 fish was taken from a total Skeena stock of some 575,000. Of the total escapement of 425,000 from the fishery, 355,000 entered the Babine Lake spawning area.

3. Studies begun in 1955 and continued in 1956 on the distribution of young sockeye in Babine Lake demonstrated that the young fish were not distributed uniformly throughout the lake and tended to remain close to their natal streams during their year of lake residence. Because of unequal distribution of spawners, it is desirable to so regulate the runs to provide essential escapements for streams of each the northern and southern parts of the lake.

4. The 1956 catch of pink salmon in the Skeena gillnet area amounted to 120,000, with about an equal number estimated to have escaped to the spawning grounds. On the basis of taggings carried out in 1956, considerable numbers destined for the Skeena were also taken in Areas 3 and 5. These additional pinks when added to the Skeena catch and escapement increase the total Skeena pink stock in 1956 to over 1 million.

5. The 1957 Skeena sockeye run will be composed largely of two age groups. The 4-year-olds will be mainly the progeny of the good 1953 escapement to Babine Lake. The 5-year-olds will be mainly the progeny of the 1952 slide-blocked Babine escapement. Thus there is the prospect of the combination of a very good run of 4-year-olds and a poor run of 5-year-olds to provide a total stock in 1957 at least as large as average annual runs of the pre-slide period.

6. Due to wide variation in production of pinks from individual spawnings brought about by factors affecting survival in freshwater and in the ocean, the best estimate available of the return must be based on the size of the seeding and the assumption that conditions for survival have been average. In view of the relatively large pink escapement by recent standards in 1955, the Skeena return in 1957 should be average or above.

Trustees Placed On Committees

Standing committees for District 52 school board have been named by Chairman W. J. Scott, it was announced today.

Committees with chairman named first are as follows:

Building: K. F. Harding, Robert Kelsey, Mrs. A. L. Bell.

Finance: D. J. Doswell, A. J. Dominato, J. B. Davis.

Personnel: Mrs. Bell, Mr. Doswell, Mr. Harding.

Grounds: Mr. Dominato, Mr. Kelsey, Mr. Davis.

School board representative on the Union Board of Health will be Mrs. Bell, while Mr. Kelsey will represent the board in the Civic Centre association.

CAR SKIDS INTO CURB

A traffic accident at McBride Street and Seventh Avenue at 8:30 a.m. this morning resulted in minor damage to an automobile after it skidded on a patch of ice and smashed into a curb.

Driver of the car, Peter Hidber was making a left turn from McBride onto Seventh Avenue when the mishap occurred.

Mrs. R. Yager Dies Aged 36

Mrs. Rosh Mary Anne Yager, 36, wife of J. D. Yager, 630 Summit Avenue, died yesterday afternoon in the Prince Rupert General hospital, after a lengthy illness.

Born in Biggar, Saskatchewan, Mrs. Yager moved to Terrace as a child with her parents and remained there until 1942 when she came to Prince Rupert to work.

Prior to her marriage to John D. Yager in July, 1951, Mrs. Yager was the manager of the city Simpson-Sears mail order office. Mr. Yager is a checker for the Canadian National Railways.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Yager is survived by one daughter Arlene and one son, John at home; her mother Mrs. Mary Cote of Terrace; five brothers, Richard, Robert and Norbert of Terrace, Hector of Smithers and Maurice of Seattle and one sister, Annette, also of Terrace.

Funeral arrangements are in the hands of Ferguson Funeral Home.

Revenue From Customs Shows Boost

Revenue collected by Prince Rupert customs office during 1956 totalled $646,573, an increase of $115,019 over 1955 a check of figures supplied by the Department of Customs shows.

Total amount of taxes and levies fluctuated during the past year with increases recorded in all but two months of the year over 1955.

Most revenue last year was collected in May ($75,157) as compared with high in 1955 of $65,616 in November.

Greatest single drop was in November 1955 when revenue was $50,614 a decrease of $15,002 from the $65,616 shown in November 1954.

Other decrease was in August 1956 when $45,657 was recorded compared with $47,102 in 1955.

May 1956 showed the biggest increase in revenue collected ($35,545) over the previous year when $75,157 was collected as compared to $39,612 in May 1955.

September also recorded a large increase ($30,275) with revenue collected at $71,811 over $41,536 in September 1955.

Bingo Number

Today's number in the Elks Lodge March of Dimes house bingo in aid of the Crippled Children's Hospital is O-70.

Other numbers drawn to date are:

I-23, B-4, O-64, B-14, O-65, N-31, B-5, I-18, G-57, G-48, I-30, B-3, O-73, N-41, G-59, I-16, O-74, O-67, B-13, B-7, N-40, G-50, B-2, N-45, B-1, N-44, O-61, N-32, I-22, B-11, I-27, G-55, I-17, N-43, B-6, G-50, G-47, O-60, I-21, B-15, O-66, G-53, N-34, I-20, N-39 and I-26.

DELEGATES SPURN LOYALTY OATH IN NEW LABOR COUNCIL BY-LAWS

Delegates to the Prince Rupert Labor Council last night gave short shrift to a Canadian Labor Congress recommendation that persons nominated for office in the PRLC take an anti-Communist oath and swear allegiance to the Queen.

The matter arose during the clause-by-clause discussion of the PRLC's new constitution, necessitated by the merger last year of the Trades and Labor Congress and the Canadian Congress of Labor.

The clause in question stated that every person nominated for an executive office, before the election, should take an oath swearing that they were not a member of the Communist party or any other subversive group and also swear allegiance to the Queen and to Canada.

Visualizing the length of time this procedure would consume before the election took place, delegates voted to do the same as Prince George and Kamloops Labor Councils and ignore the entire clause.

Instead, elected members of the executive will, after attaining office, promise to "faithfully carry out their duties as officers" of the PRLC.

Both Prince George and Kamloops labor council constitutions were approved by the CLC.

The constitution states elsewhere that no Communist shall be a member of the Labor Council.

Board Delays Appointment

Parks oBard at its first regular meeting of the year last night, decided to postpone until next meeting, January 24, the election of a chairman of Parks Commissioners for 1957.

Congratulated on their re-election by acclamation for another two year term were commissioners Hugo Kraupner and Alex Bill.

An unanimous vote to re-elect C. P. Balagno as chairman of the Board for 1957, was amended following discussion and decision that a full Parks Board of all commissioners should be present before a vote made. Absent last night was commissioner Duncan McRae.

The Weather

Mostly cloudy today and Saturday. Intermittent snow Saturday. A little milder. Northeasterly winds 35 over open water and northeast 45 in inlets becoming easterly 25 over open water and northeast 40 in inlets Saturday. Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy 35 and 40; Sandspit 28 and 34; Prince Rupert 20 and 30.