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Alaska statehood nearly final after Eisenhower approves bill

SEVEN OF THE 11 PRINCE RUPERT LOVELIES entered in the Port Day Queen beauty contest are pictured above are top row left to right: Carol Chastney, 17; Anne Brown, 20; Irene Bellamy, 17 and Merwyn Hennessy, 19. Bottom row left to right are Barbara Strachen, 17; Susan Hidber, 17 and Anna Colussi, 17. Not pictured but also vying for the title of "Miss PNE" in Vancouver August 25 will be Shirley Bjola, Sylvia Bellis, Gail Harvey and Virginia Enwright. The beauty contest is sponsored by the Sons of Norway and judging will be held on Port Day. —Photo by Chandler's Portrait Studio

Population numbers 17,000,000

OTTAWA (—Canada's population has passed the 17,000,000 mark.

The bureau of statistics said today in its annual census estimate that the population at June 1 stood at 17,048,000, an increase of 459,000 or 2.8 per cent over the figure of 16,589,000 at the corresponding date last year.

The 12-month increase was below the record gain of 508,000 from June 1, 1956, to June 1, 1957. This was due to decreased immigration and an estimated rise in emigration which outweighed an increase of about 24,000 in natural increases — excess of births over deaths.

However, the year's increase was well above the average increase of 414,000 for the five previous years between the censuses of 1951 and 1956.

The population gain the two years since the June 1, 1956 census of 16,081,000 was just 33,000 short of 1,000,000.

Fire victim inquest adjourned

An inquest into the death of Yasuichi Sakai, 65, of Port Edward was adjourned until July 12, when a jury was convened under Coroner George J. Dawes last night at Ferguson Funeral Home, to view and identify the body.

Mr. Sakai died after receiving burns in a fire that caused $5,000 damage to a Nelson Brothers Fisheries apartment house at Port Edward, early Saturday morning.

Members of the six-man jury are: Charles Neil MacKinnon, Peter Douglas Knox, George Edward Grant, Clarence Edward Marineau, Ronald Tsuji, Seiji Matsuo. Mr. MacKinnon is the jury foreman.

RCMP constable Kenneth Sutherland is conducting the inquest.

ELLIS AIRLINES INAUGURATES ALASKA-RUPERT MAIL FLIGHTS

First air mail service between Prince Rupert and Ketchikan was inaugurated yesterday by Ellis Air Lines.

The U.S. airline company landed the first load of airmail ever to be flown directly from Ketchikan to Prince Rupert at 1:30 p.m. yesterday. The plane left 15 minutes later with city mail for the Alaska city.

All classes of Canadian mail will be accepted, assistant Postmaster Douglas Kerr announced today.

Mail closing time is 11:30 a.m. the plane will arrive here daily at 1:30 p.m. and leave at 1:45 p.m.

Government mediation fails in CPR strike

OTTAWA (CP)—Personal mediation by Labor Minister Starr failed Monday to settle the long strike-created tieup of the CPR's west coast shipping fleet.

Mr. Starr reported no success after about five hours of meetings with officers of the CPR and the Seafarers' International Union (CLC), on strike since May 16.

"All avenues of settlement were explored but the parties were unable to agree on a formula for the settlement of the dispute," the minister said in a brief statement handed to reporters by an aide.

The assistant said Mr. Starr would have nothing to add to the statement and it was unlikely there would be further government action until the minister reported to the cabinet, likely today.

Murder suspect to be tried here at Fall Assizes

Orrin Kenneth Douglas, 23, of Kitimat has been committed for trial on a murder charge in B.C. Supreme Court.

Magistrate Harvey C. Jessop at a preliminary hearing in Kitimat Thursday committed Douglas to appear at the Fall Assizes in Prince Rupert before a judge and jury, RCMP at Prince Rupert Sub-division reported today.

Douglas is charged with the murder of 27-year-old Reginald Sinclair Young, June 15 at 104 Saginat House, Riverdale area, Kitimat.

Hero of Africa war, 'Monty' leaves army

By SIDNEY TAYLOR

LONDON (Reuters) — Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein—"Monty" to all his troops—is to retire as deputy supreme allied commander in Europe on Sept. 20.

Officially, the man who led the British 8th Army in victory through North Africa to Central Italy will "withdraw from active employment in the British army"—for a field marshal never really retires.

Monty is 70—20 years older than Gen. Lauris Norstad, the supreme commander. During the 10 years spent in the cause of Western defence, he has been a kind of intellectual gadfly to the military leaders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Slim, wiry, with clear blue-grey eyes, ruthless self-discipline and relentlessness in pursuing a point, he attributes his still-buoyant health and great mental and physical energy to the spartan life he leads.

Sir Winston Churchill once described him as "a Cromwellian figure, austere, severe, tireless."

He has been in continuous commissioned service in the army for 50 years, a record for the British army for the last 100 years.

He says that the greatest moment in his life was when he received "the surrender of 2,000,000 German fighting men on Lueneberg Heath." The surrender document is his most treasured possession.

Historians may see Montgomery as Britain's most successful soldier since Wellington. He fought the war in a sweater, flannel or corduroy trousers and a two-badge black beret. After his triumph in North Africa, which changed the coure of the war, he commanded the British group of armies under Gen. Dwight Eisenhower in the liberation of Europe.

Boat returns to sell fish at Exchange

A Vancouver halibutter that refused a bid on the Prince Rupert Halibut exchange yesterday, today accepted a bid from another fishing company.

The "Tor 2" sold her catch of 55,000 pounds to Pacific Fisheries for prices of 21.3 cents for medium, 22.0 cents for large and 14 cents for chicken size fish.

One other vessel sold her catch on the exchange this morning. The "Sea Ranger" sold 95,000 pounds to British Columbia Packers for prices of 21.5 cents for medium, 22.5 for large and 14 cents for chicken size halibut.

The Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative Association had two direct landings totalling 191,000 pounds. The "Margaret I," with 66,000 pounds and the Blue Ocean with 125,000 pounds.

Robert Johnson, 18, of Port Edward was fined $35 or in default sentenced to 30 days in jail when he pleaded guilty in city police court yesterday to obstructing a police officer in execution of his duty.

FRANK HOWARD
. . . cool man, real cool

Better cool than dressy, MP proves

An MP should be calm, collected, and most important of all—cool at all times.

To prove this point, Frank Howard (CCF, Skeena) defied the strict etiquette of the Commons last Thursday by turning up in a parliamentary committee dressed like a lumberman—which Mr. Howard is by trade.

Southam News Service reports from Ottawa that the Skeena member looked cool and comfortable in an open-necked sport shirt and blue jeans while his fellow MP's braved 90-degree heat in suits and ties.

NEW YORK (— Actress Marilyn Monroe left by plane for Hollywood Monday night to begin work on her first movie in two years.

Fall plebiscite to clinch status

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower Monday signed the Alaska Statehood Bill, paving the way for the territory's admission into the union later this year.

Eisenhower put his signature to the legislation approved by Congress a week ago, handed it to a White House aide and said: "Okay. Now, that's 49 states."

Then he grinned and amended the remark: "No, maybe we don't do that until the plebiscite."

Eisenhower's action set in motion machinery which is expected to bring Alaska into the union as the 49th state by next Christmas. It will add a new star to the flag on the next date for adoption of a new flag, July 4, 1959.

SOME OPPOSITION

Although there is some opposition within Alaska, leading Republicans and Demoncrats have predicted Alaskans will accept Congress' terms overwhelmingly in elections this fall.

When they do and results are certified to the president, Alaska's admission will become official with the issuance of a formal presidential proclamation.

To extend the union within eye range of the Russian mainland, Alaskans must vote to accept immediate statehood, to approve proposed state boundaries which encompass all the area now within the territory, and to agree to permit the president of the United States at any future date to withdraw certain areas of the proposed state and place them under exclusive federal control.

Rejection of any of these three propositions would defeat statehood. The date of the election is yet to be set.

AL takes all-star game

BALTIMORE (—The American League all-stars, rallying from an early deficit, defeated the National leaguers 4-1 today in the 25th all star game.

Pinch-hitter Gil McDougald of the New York Yankees thrilled 48,829 spectators in Memorial Stadium by driving home the deciding run with a sixth-inning single.

Early release expected for prisoners

GUANTANAMO, Cuba (— Poor communications are reported delaying release of North Americans still held captive by Fidel Castro's rebels. Thirty-three Americans and one Canadian still are held.

Rear-Admiral R. B. Ellis, commander of the U.S. naval base on Guantanamo Bay, said Monday he was told there had been no hitch in the release arrangements. But the men are scattered among rebel camps in the east Cuban mountains and jungles, and it is taking much time to collect them to be picked up at one point.

Ellis has been sending a helicopter to make the pickup when a navy plane spots white cloth marker panels laid out in jungle clearings.

The Canadian still held is Richard Sargent of Toronto, a sugar mill executive.

Three Americans were ferried out Monday, bringing to 16 the number of men released, including two Canadians.

One of those flown out, James P. Stephens Jr. of Edmond, Okla. said rumors in the rebel camps were that after the other four civilians were released, Castro would free the 30 U.S. sailors and marines he is holding.

Two accidents result in fines

Bruce Melville Wallace, 21, of Prince Rupert was fined $35, costs or in default of payment sentenced to 10 days in jail, when he pleaded guilty in Port Edward police court yesterday to driving without due care and attention.

Wallace was charged following an accident June 11 when the pick-up truck he was driving failed to negotiate a turn and left the road 14 miles east of Prince Rupert on Highway 16. The truck was a total loss.

Also in Port Edward police court yesterday, Kenneth John Flemming, 20, of Prince Rupert was fined $35, costs or in default sentenced to 10 days in jail when he pleaded guilty to driving contrary to restrictions on his driver's license. His vehicle was not covered by insurance.

Flemming was charged on June 28 when the pick-up truck he was driving west on Highway 16 failed to negotiate a curve and crashed into a cliff near Kloiya Bay, 13 miles east of Prince Rupert.

Damage to the truck was estimated at $600.

Tightening friendship bonds object of Eisenhower visit

OTTAWA (CP)—President Eisenhower comes to Canada today for a series of informal, neighborly talks designed to strengthen the bonds of Canadian-American friendship.

The genial president, paying his first visit to this capital in five years, is scheduled to fly in from Washington at 11 a.m. to open a goodwill call on Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and the Canadian government.

He will be met at Ottawa's Uplands Airport by Governor-General Vincent Massey, Mr. Diefenbaker and other top government officials and then taken by motorcade to Government House, the government-general's residence.

He will be accompanied by Mrs. Eisenhower and State Secretary John Foster Dulles and Mrs. Dulles.

WASHINGTON (— President Eisenhower Monday was asked to add Columbia River power development and paving the Alaska Highway to the list of subjects he will discuss this week with Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

The suggestion came from Senator Richard L. Neuberger Dem. Ore. in a letter stating that the two subjects "offer opportunities for practical achievement that can serve as concrete demonstrations of the special capacity for constructive collaboration between our two North American democracies."

It will be Mr. Eisenhower's fourth visit to Canada and his first time since 1953. He came to Ottawa in 1946 as chief of the U.S. Army staff, in 1951 as supreme commander of the allied powers in Europe and again in 1953 as president.

His current visit will be largely informal but both he and Mr. Diefenbaker have indicated they plan to discuss the problems which periodically disrupt relations between the two countries.

LONDON (—The Queen is suffering from an acute sinus attack accompanied by a fever, Buckingham Palace said today. The illness has forced her to cancel a tour in Scotland and return here, the announcement added.

THREE EXAMPLES OF ANCIENT ART stand like sentinels in front of the nearly completed new Museum of Northern British Columbia. Poles were erected last week. Two smaller poles are Haida nation totems from the ancient village of Yan. Totem pole in middle is called the "leaf and flower pole." Dead centre is replica of famous Wolf Totem pole, received by Charles Dudoward of Port Simpson as a Prince Rupert B.C. Centennial project. Wolf Totem is fitting match for new museum which is city's Centennial project to be opened and dedicated and opened during Prince Rupert's "Potlatch Week" July 25 to August 2. Wolf Totem was house pole of former Nishga Chief Dauk from village of Gitlakdamix on upper Nass River. —Staff Photo

Canadian warship's flag presented to St. John's church at Haida, Q.C.I.

Special to The Daily News

MASSET — Almost the entire populations of Haida (Old Masset) along with officers and men of two Canadian warships took part in an historic service here July 4, as an ensign of the destroyer HMCS Haida was presented to the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Haida, Queen Charlotte Islands.

Attending were officers and men of the minesweepers HMCS James Bay and HMCS Cowichan.

The presentation was made by Lt. Cmdr. J. Coates, CD, RCN, commanding officers of the James Bay on behalf of Chief of Naval Staff Vice-Admiral H. G. De Wolf, CBE, DSC, CD, RCN who was at one time commanding officer of HMCS Haida. Lt. Cmdr. Coates served on HMCS Haida when she was first commissioned.

The Haida ensign presented to the church had been flown when the destroyer was serving in the Arctic. Later the Haida served at Normandy, the English Channel and in the Bay of Biscay in 1944 and in Korea from 1952 to 1953.

In making the presentation Lt. Cmdr. Coates said:

"We present and give this ensign to be kept perpetually in this Church of St. John the Evangelist, at Haida, in memory of all who served in HMCS Haida and in token of our great fellowship with you."

Lt. Cmdr. Coates told the congregation that the crew of HMCS Haida had been told of the great seafaring nation of Haidas who had travelled by canoe from the Bering Sea to South America.

"If the men on HMCS Haida have the spirit of the Haidas of old we will survive war or an other adversity as did the Haidas who had such great confidence in their canoes," he said.

He said that only two of Her Majesty's Canadian ships' flags had been presented to Canada. One of them was the ensign of the HMCS Huron which was presented to the Huron Indian nation and the HMCS Haida flag which would hang in St. John's church at Haida.

The ensign was dedicated by Rev. S. L. Leech

Hymns sung during the service were "O God Our Help in Ages Past" and "All People that on Earth Do Dwell."

The lesson was read in Haida by Lay Reader Elizah Jones and in English by Lay Reader Thomas Smith.

Later that day the officers and men of the two minesweepers joined the villagers of Haida at a Dominion Day dance.

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(Pacific Standard Time)

High	07:01	15.2 feet
	19:31	17.6 feet
Low	01:12	8.1 feet
	13:01	8.2 feet