Peace River crossed by railway

TAYLOR, B.C. (CP)— Another historically-significant step has been taken in Canada's northwest with the crossing of the Peace River for the first time by a railway locomotive.

The event may signal the beginning of a fourth era for the British Columbia Peace River block—a vast, agriculturally-rich territory that was first a fur-trading region, then centre of a boom brought on by the Alaska Highway construction, and now the centre of an oil and gas boom.

Engineer I. A. Hieliger of North Vancouver gingerly guided a two-unit Pacific Great Eastern Railway diesel and caboose across the PGE's $3,000,000 Peace River bridge Wednesday. At 11:45 a.m. MST locomotives 555 and 554 reached the north bank of the mighty Peace.

There was little fanfare outside a few toots by the diesel whistle, the celebrations being planned later when the first train reaches Taylor, four miles east of the bridge.

The trip across the 3,500-foot span, completed about eight months ago and hooked to the PGE rails on the south bank Tuesday, took 30 minutes.

Caution was required because the bridge, an Alaska Highway link since the highway suspension bridge at the southern extremity of this community collapsed last October, has been planked for motor traffic and wooden pegs beside the rails had to be driven down by the locomotive wheels. Speed could have resulted in derailment.

Yesterday the track crews laid the first steel north of the Peace and it is expected the railway will reach Taylor, 10 miles suoth of Fort St. John, within a week.

Taylor is the starting point for Westcoast Transmission Company's natural gas pipeline to the Pacific northwest, and site of a refinery and sulphur plant. The railroad's first payload from the north Peace is expected to come from the 30,000-odd tons of sulphur now stockpiled here.

INDOOR ROBINS

FARNHAM, England (CP)—Robins have nested on a dressing table in the bedroom of the James family in this Surrey town. Five eggs have been hatched so far.

PICTURED IN ACTION are Ion Berger as Virgil Tappet, the villain, Herb Foster as John Siddeley, a miner and Myra Benson as Miss Tithering, a school teacher. Actors are three of ten principals in the Holiday Theatre production "The Magic Nugget" to appear here Tuesday in Booth Memorial High school at 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Vivid flashbacks of B.C.'s 1958 gold rush days will be unfolded in the Centennial play, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher associations.

MOVIE COLUMN

General not first or last to be swayed by glamor girls

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Lt.-Gen. Rafael Trujillo Jr. is not the first dashing foreigner to sway the hearts of Hollywood's glamour girls, nor will he be the last.

The history of the town has been given color by a number of famous visitors from foreign lands whose polished manners have caught the fancy of some of the world's most famous beauties.

Some bring their fortunes, some come to seek them. Some have sought wives or publicity. The quest of many has been simply fun.

Few have been as lavish as young Trujillo, with his gifts of costly cars to Kim Novak and Zsa Zsa Gabor. And few have been as secretive. Either Kim is a better actress than the critics say—or else she was genuinely surprised when I told her in San Francisco that her steady date had a wife and six children.

Glorie Swanson can be credited with starting the foreign invasion. In 1926 she returned from Europe in triumph, bringing along her new husband, Marquis de la Falaise de la Coudray. The union lasted five years, after which Constance Bennett took over as the Marquise de la etc.

The marquis was followed by an invasion of the marrying Mdivanis. These were three handsome, romantic sons of a Mohammedan bey of Georgie, a Caucasus state in old Russia. The princes married and divorced often, usually to famous and wealthy women. Among the matches: Serge — Pola Negri; David — Mae Murray; Alexis — Barbara Hutton.

Sudden death took two of the princes—Serge at polo and Alexis in a Spanish auto crash. David has lived quietly in recent years as husband of the adopted daughter of oil man Harry Sinclair.

Aly Khan created plenty of news with his international courtship of Rita Hayworth, their marriage, the birth of their daughter, their divorce. His romances have included other dolls, such as Gene Tierney and Kim Novak (that name again.).

The courtship of Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier of Monaco was conducted on a dignified level.

Then there was Porfirio Rubirosa, who appears to have been the Mdivanis wrapped up into one. The merry countryman of Gen. Trujillo conducted a well-publicized romance with Zsa Zsa Gabor (her again?). She claimed they were engaged at one point, but he drifted off to other matters.

CAA chief asks joint action on road plan

VANCOUVER (CP) — Federal-provincial action on a system of roads throughout Canada was urged by Alex Morrison of London, Ont., Thursday at the opening of the Canadian Automobile Association annual meeting here.

Mr. Morrison, president of the association, told delegates that an integrated national system based on a national development plan should be started. He said that the CAA's previous requests for 50-per-cent federal participation in the cost of arterial highways "might well be increased."

The association has asked Ottawa each year since 1955 to adopt a 50-50 cost-sharing formula with the provinces on construction of major roads, he said. The CAA also proposed a three-way split on costs of roads into and through urban areas.

Mr. Morrison said no one body is responsible for planning a national system of roads, and this indicated a "critical inadequacy in our present jurisdictional relationship."

Swedes may vote in Canada up until May 31

A general election to the Lower Chamber of the Swedish Parliament will take place in Sweden on Sunday, June 1.

Votes in this election may be cast in Canada up until May 31 at the following places only:

Swedish Embassy, Ottawa; Swedish Consulate General, Montreal; Swedish consulates at Toronto and Vancouver.

Votes must be handed in personally by the voter or spouse, who must be Swedish citizens, of age, and in possession of a voting license.

Further information may be obtained from the Swedish Consulate, 315 Third Avenue West, Prince Rupert.

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Shipping findings disappoint

TORONTO (CP)—Capt. R. B. Angus, president of the Dominion Marine Association, said Thursday the findings of the royal commission on Canada's coastal trade were disappointing—especially as the commission recognized there was reason for concern for the future of Canadian-registered lake ships competing with foreign vessels.

The commission's report was tabled Thursday in the House of Commons.

The commission's findings recommended basically that Canada's existing coastal trading laws stay as they are.

DMA officials said they found at least three faults with the commission's findings:

1. It cannot be assumed that a Canadian ship owner can charter a British-registered ship unless he is also the shipper of the goods to be carried. "Why should a U.K. shipowner allow a Canadian to charter his ship and make a profit for doing something which he, as a U.K. shipper, can do himself?"

2. Restricting coastal trade does not lead to higher grain rates, as the commission contended, because grain rates are controlled by the federal government.

3. Coastal shipping on the east coast cannot be used as an example for the Great Lakes as the two areas are different.

Rebels claim 400 troops killed

MANILA (AP)—Indonesian rebels claim counter-attacking forces have killed more than 400 government troops in fierce fighting in the Celebes Islands in the last few days.

The rebel broadcast, heard here late Thursday after President Sukarno's government rejected a rebel peace bid, claimed victories on two fronts.

ROWDY CELEBRATIONS

STORNOWAY, Scotland (CP)—A meeting of the Outer Isles presbytery of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland passed a resolution urging disciplinary action against church members guilty of drunkenness or "promiscuous dancing" at wedding celebrations.

MOTHERLY CAT

WIGTON, England (CP) — Two fox cubs found by a shooting party near this Cumberland town were brought back and are being mothered by a cat.

MARITIMES MUSEUM

The Nova Scotia provincial museum at Halifax, founded in 1868, grew from the Mechanics institutes collection of previous years.

TEACHER SHORTAGE

VANCOUVER (CP)—A plan to establish seven new kindergartens here has been rejected by the school board because of the province-wide teacher shortage.

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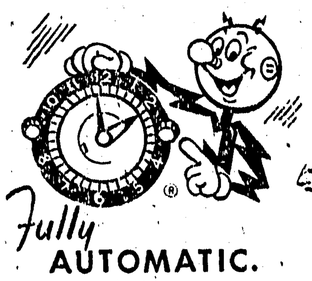

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