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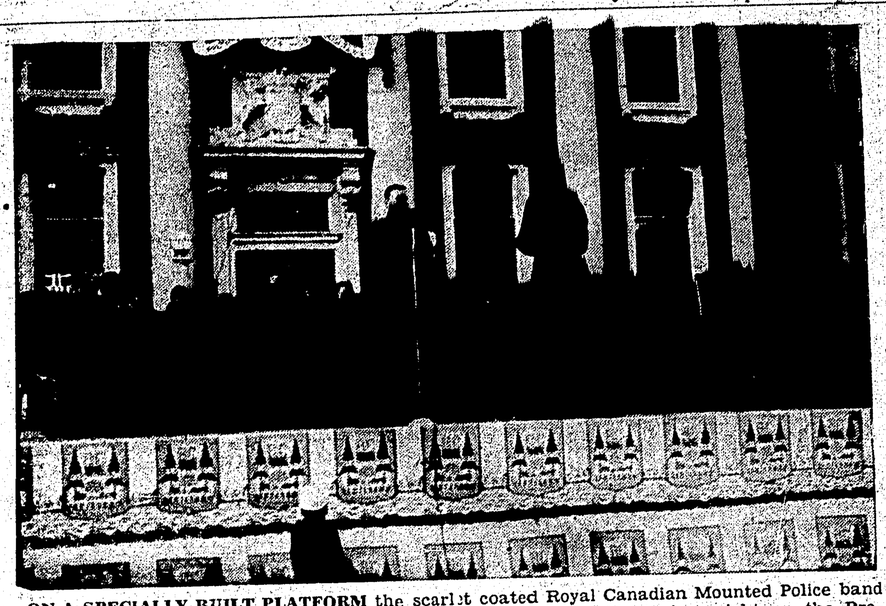
Woodworkers accept formula for settlement of wage claim



ON A SPECIALLY BUILT PLATFORM the scarlet coated Royal Canadian Mounted Police band of Ottawa is pictured performing before thousands of city residents last night on the Provincial Court House grounds. Inspector E. J. Lydall directs his 43-piece band as featured vocalist Corporal J. C. Cook takes the spotlight. (Story on Page 3.) —Staff photo.

Company answer not known yet

VANCOUVER (CP)—The executive of the International Woodworkers of America, coast district, announced Monday the membership has approved "by a substantial margin" the Sloan formula for settling the contract dispute with lumber operators.

B.C. Forest Commissioner Gordon Sloan's proposal called for fringe benefits but no increase in wages. Basic wage in the forest industry is $1.71 an hour.

Stuart McNeil of the IWA executive said the union regards the fringe benefits as "quite substantial." They would be retroactive to last June 14 when the last contract expired.

Forest Industrial Relations which represent the employers, has not announced whether the operators have accepted the Sloan proposal. It earlier recommended acceptance.

Mr. McNeil said the executive will meet with the operators later this week.

The IWA had voted earlier to strike following rejection of a majority conciliation report calling for no wage increase. The union demanded a 10 per cent boost. However, no strike was called.

CBC bill pushed by PCs

OTTAWA (CP) - Two decisive Commons votes have all but guaranteed enactment of the first major change in Canada's broadcasting system in 22 years.

New government legislation setting up an independent supervisory board for radio and television was strenuously resisted Monday by the Liberal opposition, but the big Progressive Conservative majority easily triumphed.

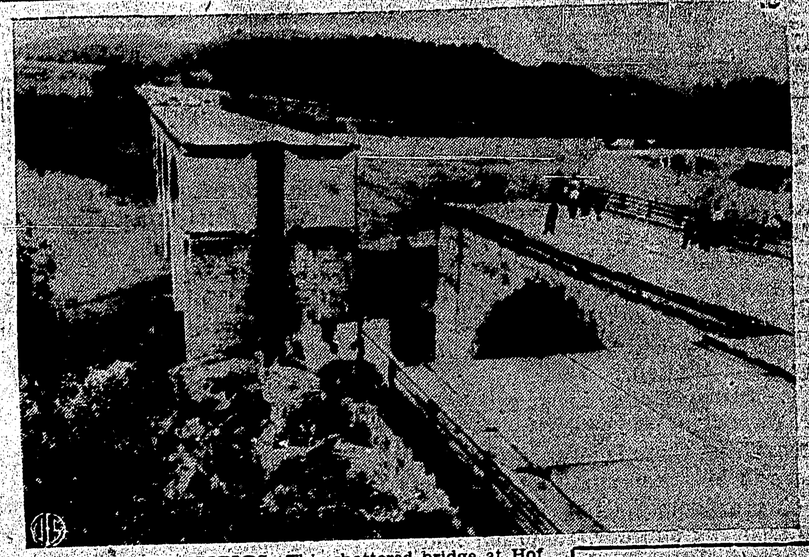
With CCF support, the government majority first rejected 122 to 25 a Liberal amendment aimed at killing the measure for this session, then gave the bill second reading-approval in principle - 109 to 30.

Revenue Minister Nowlan said the new 15-man regulatory body, called the Board of Broadcast Governors, will probably be in harness by the time the next parliamentary session starts in January.

150 tourists hit city tonight

About 150 American tourists will arrive in Prince Rupert at the Canadian National Railways depot at 6:45 tonight on a special train from Prince George.

The train made up of 14 cars has been touring Northern British Columbia from Vancouver to Prince Rupert and will stay in the city until 11 p.m. tonight.



DEAD END FOR TWO WORLDS—This shattered bridge at Hof, West Germany, stands as a symbol of the division of Germany. Once a vital bridge over the Salle River, it was dynamited by German troops in the last days of World War II. Communist East Germany (in background) has blocked its reconstruction.

Alaska statehood approval forecast

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—A pencilled "X" marked on three separate ballots gave Alaskans a final voice today in deciding whether the northern territory is to be the 49th of the United States.

More than 35,000 Alaskans were expected to cast votes at 297 polling places scattered through the U.S. territory's 486,400 square miles.

When all the votes are counted—and some of them won't be tabulated for a week—Alaskans are expected to have approved statehood by a margin of at least 2 to 1.

ADD 49TH STAR

Under terms of the act signed in July by President Eisenhower such a vote will mean that a 49th star will be added to the U.S. flag next year.

A presidential proclamation creating the newest and largest state—and the first to be admitted since New Mexico and Arizona in 1912—probably will be issued in late December or early January.

In anticipation of approval of the three statehood referendums, Alaskans also were voting today to nominate candidates for the first state offices.

Republican and Democratic candidates for Alaska's first two seats in the U.S. Senate were assured nomination without opposition.

The first of three propositions in the special referendum balloting is the most important.

KEY QUESTION

On that ballot, Alaskans marked an "X" to indicate yes or no to the question, "Shall Alaska immediately be admitted into the union as a state?"

If a majority says "yes," it appears the other two propositions will be approved by a similar margin.

Plane crew sees sunset in east

VANCOUVER (CP) — Passengers on a polar flight from Amsterdam to Vancouver witnessed the weird spectacle of the sun rising in the west and setting in the east.

The pilot of the Canadian Pacific Airlines' jet-prop airliner described the spectacle this way: "The sun appeared to stand still, and as the aircraft outpaced it over the rim of the world, we saw the sun appear to travel in the wrong direction."

The passengers saw the solar system appear topsy-turvy from their 30,000 foot-high grandstand seat.

The captain said the flight from Amsterdam was started in darkness. "But at the zenith of our 5,000-mile flight path, we were flying along the 75-degree-north latitude, or about 900 miles from the North Pole," he said.

"In this area," he went on, "the speed of the sun's rays on the earth's surface is about 300 miles an hour—in contrast to the speed at the equator which is about 1,000 miles an hour. As a result, our 400-mile-an-hour aircraft literally caught up with the sun, and it appeared to rise in the west.

"As the plane sped past the sun," said the captain, "the sky grew darker—we left the sun behind, and so it set in the east.

"Over Edmonton, we were in almost complete darkness, over the Rockies it got lighter and in Vancouver, it was dawning—the sun caught up with us again, and started to rise in the east," he said.

Fire hazard on upgrade again as sun scorches forest areas

Prince Rupert forest district fire hazard increased from low to moderate over the weekend as rain ceased in all but one area, District Forester Percy Young reported today.

Prince Rupert district had the lowest forest fire hazard out of the five districts in British Columbia last week. Highest fire hazard of the five districts was in the Kamloops and Nelson districts. Prince George was moderate and Vancouver was moderate to high.

Mr. Young said that the only rain in the whole district was near Telegraph Creek while other areas were scorched by sunshine. A total of eight new fires started over the weekend.

Two large fires are burning out of control in the Bella Coola Valley, one at Canoe Crossing about 30 miles east of Bella Coola and the other is about 50 miles east of Bella Coola, Mr. Young said. One hundred forest service men are fighting the two blazes. Four bull--dozers are also being used.

Two fires started in the Terrace and Kitwanga areas but have been struck out.

A crew arrived yesterday morning about three miles south west of Burns Lake to extinguish a small blaze Mr. Young said.

Two new fires also started in the Southbank district south of Burns Lake.

Mr. Young said that there are a total of 57 fires still burning in the district. A total of 273 forest service men and 47 company men are working on the blazes.

Fire hazard rating for the five British Columbia districts this week are Kamloops and Nelson high, Prince George moderate, Vancouver high to extreme and Prince Rupert moderate.

The Prince Rupert district has had the lowest number of fires to date this year with a total of 242. Vancouver district has had 1,505, Kamloops 873, Prince George 467 and Nelson, 512.

Prince George has the highest cost figure with $1,517,379. Nelson's total costs so far are $449,672 and Kamloops is $345,610. Vancouver's costs totalled $562,580, and Prince Rupert's cost is $596,900.

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP) - The Chinese Communists bombarded Quemoy in short, furious bursts for the fourth straight day today, again increasing the volume of shells poured into the Chinese Nationalist outpost island.

ACCOMMODATIONS PLENTIFUL CRITICS TOLD BY HOTELMEN

VANCOUVER (CP)—Hotel and tourist officials Monday differed with reports that hotel accomodation in Vancouver was non-existent during the summer holiday season.

"We've got accomodation a-plenty in reasonable hotels and at reasonable prices," J. J. Custock, president of the B.C. Hotels Association, said.

Mr. Custock stated that a spot check survey undertaken last week in downtown hotels covering a four-day period revealed no shortage of accomodation.

"Merely because of a few of the more prominent hotels are filled, reports that no accomodation exists aren't warranted."

School opening delayed in Little Rock conflict

LITTLE ROCK, Ark (AP)— The Arkansas legislature gathered today to stamp approval on measures aimed at keeping Negro students out of Little Rock schools unless voters approve racially-mixed classes.

The Little Rock school board scrapped one measure before the legislature met. It announced postponement of all city school openings to Sept. 8 from Sept. 2 to ease the time pressure on the legislature and the U.S. Supreme Court.

A bill requiring the delay in the fall term had been prepared for legislative approval.

THREE NEGROES APPLY

School Superintendent Virgil Blossom announced meanwhile that three more Negroes applied for admission to white schools. Seven who attended Central High School last year under federal troop protection are expected to apply Wednesday.

One Negro girl, 14, sought admission to Hall High School, a new institution.

The key measure prepared by Governor Orval Faubus would present him the power to close any school should the federal government seek to integrate it by court order or physical force.

The school would remain closed until voters decided—within 30 days—on whether to integrate or keep its doors shut.

A third measure would permit a student of a closed school to carry his state aid allotment with him to another district.

The Supreme Court Thursday will hold an emergency session to deal with Little Rock's riot-marked school racial problems.

HAS POLITICAL STRENGTH

A flood of segregation bills may have their own ideas on how to kep schools segregated. But it was fully apparent that the governor possesses political strength to obtain anything he wants the way he wants it.

Many attend air travel firm opening

A new travel service was launched in Prince Rupert today when more than 600 city residents at press time had attended "open house" to congratulate T. Norton Youngs at his downtown business firm.

As a member of the International Air Transportation association, Mr. Youngs now represents airlines all over the world.

"Better travel service is the keynote of our firm," Mr. Youngs said.

Four hundred orchids were given away to the women and tonight at 7:30 a name will be drawn to be chosen the winner of a return trip to Vancouver.

Riot charge brings fine of $250

A fine of $250 was imposed on another one of the persons charged with being members of an unlawful assembly in connection with Centennial Riots.

Ralph Moore of Prince Rupert pleaded not guilty through defence counsel Willa Ray yesterday in city police court and was found guilty by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

Moore was one of the two persons admitted to the Prince Rupert General Hospital during the riot.

Police told the court that Moore was standing in the crowd on the corner of Third Avenue and Fulton Street with the neck of a broken bottle in his hand.

A. Bruce Brown acted as Crown prosecutor.

Red rockets said failures

BERLIN (AP) - The West German news agency DPA said today that three Soviet "moon rockets" exploded shortly after taking off this month from launching pads in Siberia.

BIRTH CONTROL [illegible] ANGLICAN CHURCH DECIDES

LONDON (AP)—Bishops of the Anglican Church have, with qualifications, endorsed birth control as a "right and important factor in Christian family life."

The church leaders took their stand at the recent Lambeth Conference in London. Thirty-two Canadian bishops were present, led by Most Rev. Walter F. Barfoot, Primate of Canada.

The decisions of the conference, held every 10 years, were announced today. They are intended to guide the churches of the Anglican communion but are not binding.

"It is utterly wrong," said the conference report endorsing birth control, "to urge that, unless children are specifically desired, sexual intercourse is of the nature of sin. It is also wrong to say that such intercourse ought not to be engaged in except with the willing intention to procreate children.

The report said the questions of how many children to have, and at what intervals, had to be decided by the parents, "in prayerful consideration of their resources, the society in which they live and the problems they face."

SHOWING OF KNEES—With their knees in the breeze, BOAC hostess Gisela Wright chats with Ian McIntyre, a bank manager of Glasgow, Scotland, after his arrival at New York's Idlewild Airport. The kilted McIntyre flew here to attend the annual toastmasters' convention in Pittsburgh.

Sommers bribery trial moves into final stage

VANCOUVER (CP)—All evidence is in and addresses to the jury have begun in the long and much-interrupted bribery-conspiracy trial revolving around Robert Sommers. But it may be another month before the case goes to the Assize Court jury.

The trial involving the former provincial lands and forests minister, three timber company executives and four firms began May 1 but has had many adjournments.

Monday, Walter Owen, for the big multi-million dollar timber concern of B.C. Forest Products, led off the parade of a half-dozen defence counsel who will address the jury. Their submissions are expected to take from a week to 10 days.

COMPLICATED CASE

Prosecutor Victor Dryer will follow, and will be followed in turn by the charge to the jury by Mr. Justice J. O. Wilson. The judge's charge, in which he will try to untangle for the jury some of the complications of the case, is expected to take close to a week.

Mr. Owen sharply criticized the Crown for what he termed a delay of more than two years in the laying of charges in the case. And he attacked the credibility of two of the Crown's chief witnesses, Charles Eversfield, former bookkeeper for Pacific Coast Services, and Trevor Daniels, one-time chief financial officer of B.C. Forest.

Charged besides Sommers are H. W. Gray, John Gray, Charles D. Schultz, the C. D. Schultz Company Limited, Evergreen Lumber Sales, and the B.C. Forest and Pacific firms. The Crown alleges they conspired to bribe the former minister in connection with issuance of government licences to cut timber on Crown land.

Fire chief blames arsonist as blaze kills two in hotel

SEATTLE (AP)—A pre-dawn fire killed two persons and injured three others in a small hotel here today and Fire Chief William Fitzgerald blamed an arsonist who has started at least 36 other blazes in two weeks.

Police said there were 22 persons in the Hollywood Hotel when the blaze broke out at 2:15 a.m.

The two dead were identified as Jean Ballou, 52, and Jack Breda.

Chief Fitzgerald said the fire was started outside the building and whipped into the structure by an offshore breeze.

"There is no question about it," he said. "This is the same arsonist who set the fire in the last two weeks. It is exactly the same type of blaze."

The series of fires, mostly in Seattle's southend skid-road district, has kept firemen and police on constant alert each time the arsonist was undetected.

None of the other fires caused fatalities.

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Union rejects offered boost

VANCOUVER (CP) — Lower mainland plumbing contractors Monday rejected a proposed 26 cents-an-hour wage increase for plumbers and pipefitters in B.C.'s strike-stalled construction industry.

The increase was proposed by a provincial government industrial inquiry board headed by Carl Goldenberg. The union accepted Saturday.

WEATHER—

Sunny with cloudy periods tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Light northwest winds. Low tonight and high tomorrow 52 and 67.

TIDES—

Wednesday, August 27, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	12:36	10.1 feet
Low	06:12	3.7 feet
	18:25	6.3 feet