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Blast Near Nelson Follows Bid Of Sect To Return To Russia

THIS WEEK IS Safety Week in the forest products industry of British Columbia. Enthusiastic booster is pretty Dorothy Nicol shown here holding one of the 5,000 posters which were prepared by the Workmen's Compensation Board to remind the 60,000 forest products workers in B.C. that they should make safety a daily habit. Dorothy, employed as secretary in the WCB Accident Prevention Department, hopes that every worker will back the attack on accidents this week. Safety Week is a joint labor, management, government effort sponsored by the Joint Forest Products Safety Committee.

Nurses Seek Pay Hike

Assert Hospitals Dodging Reality

VANCOUVER (CP) — Evelyn E. Hood, director of personnel services for the Registered Nurses' Association of B.C., charges that hospitals are dodging "realistic a djustments in salaries."

She said that in 13 cases it was necessary to apply for conciliation officers in seeking wage increases.

"In only one of these was an agreement effected at this stage," she told more than 400 nurses attending the annual meeting of the association here.

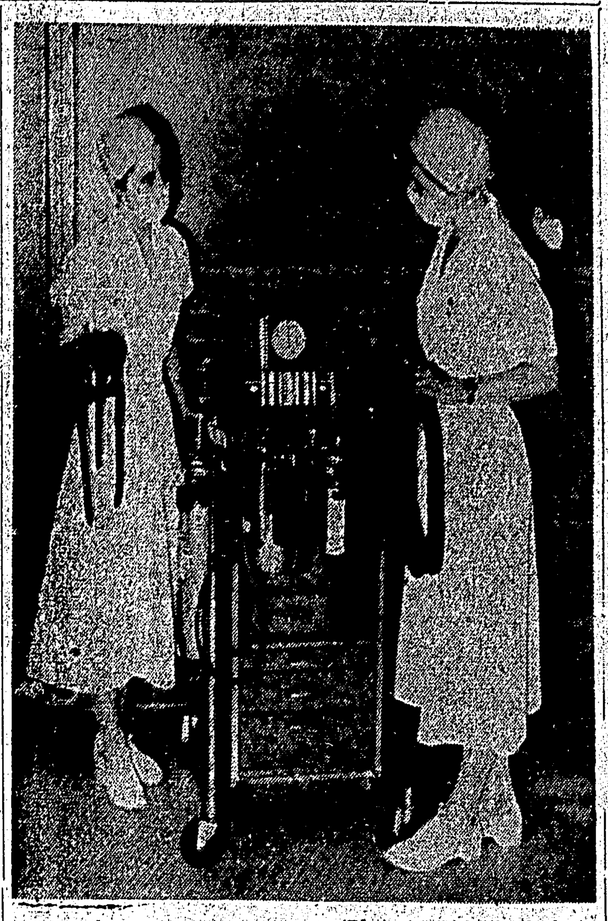
"In view of the substantial increases received by most other workers during the last six months, nurses are not satisfied to have their salaries remain practically unchanged year after year," Miss Hood said.

Miss Hood said that 216 nurses are immediately needed to fill vacancies throughout the province.

The 400 delegates representing 7,116 registered nurses then hammered through a series of resolutions on salaries.

They voted to add another $10 to all the basic minimum goals recommended by an executive committee.

They set the minimum salary for a registered nurse in full employment at $275 a month. Minimum salary for a head nurse would be $290 and for an instructor $315 a month.



(Photo by Roswitha Mohr)

SHOWN GETTING new anaesthetic machine ready for operation are two operating room nurses at Prince Rupert General Hospital. At left is Miss Lorraine Kalp, RN and at right is Miss Lillian Neibrandt RN, with valuable machine presented hospital by Women's Auxiliary which is holding a Hospital Day tea Wednesday afternoon at Nurses' residence.

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Doukhobors Await Reply from Ottawa

VANCOUVER (CP)—An explosion rocked the already tense Nelson, B.C., area Sunday night where restless Sons of Freedom Doukhobors await a reply to a request to return to Russia.

A blast 120 feet from the CPR track near Nelson came only 36 hours after it was made public that the Freedomites have asked permission to return to the country they left at the end of the last century because of persecution.

Saturday, Nick Kanigan, who lives in a Freedomite settlement near Nelson, confirmed that the radical sect has asked permission to return to the Soviet Union. Kanigan said the request was made two weeks ago to Dimtri Chuvahin, Soviet ambassador at Ottawa. He said he knew of no reply having been received.

Sunday night, an explosion dug a small hole inside the CPR right-of-way at Glade, 15 miles west of Nelson. No track was damaged.

There have been frequent bombings of Railway tracks in the West Kootenays in the past. The Sons of Freedom have been blamed.

NO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Meanwhile, if the Soviet Union gives permission, Kanigan will be one of five Freedomite delegates who will go back to investigate conditions in his homeland. He said 2,500 of the radical sect are ready to go to Russia anytime and "I think double that number would go if they could."

Kanigan said the Freedomites want to go back to Russia because

"It's hard living here in Canada. When we came, we were promised freedom of religion. We don't feel we're getting it . . ."

Freedomites, a splinter group from the 10,000 Doukhobors who live in B.C., claim that Canadian schools teach militarism. They have refused to send their children to school. But the B.C. government, in a "get tough" policy, detained more than 100 of their children in a special institution at New Denver, 66 miles from Nelson.

Discontented almost since the day they set foot on Canadian soil, the Freedomites have paraded in the nude, burned schools, and blown up railway bridges in protest against what they call persecution by federal and provincial governments.

PLANNED OTHER MOVES

The Sons of Freedom have a history of attempted moves out of Canada. Most of them have been abortive.

John Lebedoff, secretary of the Freedomites, planned to lead them back to Russia or to Turkey in July, 1949. Nothing came of it.

Magistrate To Boost Punishment

Heavier punishments for careless drivers were forecast by Magistrate W. D. Vance at city police court today.

"It's the only way to slow you young fellows up," he told David Dale Miller of Port Alberni who pleaded guilty to a charge of driving without due care and attention.

Suspending Miller's licence for one month and fining him $50 with an alternative of one month's imprisonment in default of payment, Magistrate Vance warned that licences would be suspended for longer periods for similar charges heard at the court in the future.

"Fines don't seem to slow you people up—perhaps suspension of your licence will do more good," he said.

Police said that Miller swerved and hit the concrete curb when turning from McBride to Seventh Avenue at speed.

B.C. NEWS ROUNDUP

Longtime Labor Leader, Tom Alsbury, Quits CCF

VANCOUVER (CP)—Tom Alsbury, a top labor official here and former provincial president of the CCF, has quit the party.

"I am not now a member of any political party," Alsbury said Saturday in an interview. He is understood to have broken with the party at a closed session during the recent annual meeting of the provincial CCF federation.

He had been criticized for a statement issued prior to the 1956 British Columbia general election in which he and other labor officials urged Liberal and CCF supporters to vote for Liberal candidates in two ridings and to vote for the CCF in two other constituencies in an effort to defeat Social Credit candidates.

Alex B. Macdonald, present CCF party president in B.C., commented: "There's been no action of any kind taken by the CCF against Tom Alsbury. Whether he holds active membership or not, I'm sure he remains a good friend of the CCF."

VANCOUVER (CP)—Three men, victims of industrial and traffic accidents, have between them been in comas for nearly 1,000 days.

Joseph Byl, a Dutch immigrant, has been unconscious in a Vancouver private hospital for 552 days since a snapped logging cable fractured his skull.

Ralph Smith, father of two, of suburban Burnaby, has lain unconscious in the same hospital after another industrial accident involving a cable.

Third victim in the Vancouver area is Bernard Hansen, 23, in a coma for 221 days following a car crash. He is being cared for by his parents.

VICTORIA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent went fishing for British Columbia salmon but the fish wouldn't bite for the Liberal leader.

"That just shows how effective federal conservation programs are," he told reporters aboard the 100-foot luxury yacht, Fifer, owned by Harold Foley, head of the Powell River Co. Ltd., a pulp and paper company.

TRAIL (CP)—Education Minister Les Peterson says British Columbia will need about 2,000 teachers this fall but only one-third of that number will come from the College of Education at the University of B.C. and Victoria College.

Mr. Peterson said in an interview here the government hopes to get the rest from the United Kingdom.

Mr. Peterson added that provincial schools last year had an influx of 21,000 additional students, 7,000 of whom were children of immigrants.

First Catch At Seattle Nets $8,750

SEATTLE (AP)—The first halibut boat of the new season came into port here Friday with a cargo of fish worth about $8,750.

The Nightingale had a 25,000-pound catch, for which the Washington Fish and Oyster Co. paid a premium 35¼ cents a pound.

Skipper Anders Hestad and his four crew members were happy with the catch and the price. They made the catch in about two days after the opening of the season at 6 a.m. Wednesday.

Air Display Thrills Crowd But Target Dodges Pilots

They couldn't hit the target—but Prince Rupert pilots executed some fancy flying Saturday afternoon when they entertained a crowd of several hundred people at the Aero Club display at Seal Cove.

Ten pilots flew over the raft target floating in the bay, but none of them managed to drop a flour bomb any nearer than five feet.

"Guess we must have had the sun in our eyes," joked club vice-president Lorne Stephens, one of the unsuccessful bombers.

"That's something we're not accustomed to 'round here!"

Three planes from Ketchikan came down for the show, in which three local planes demonstrated spins, stall turns and formation flying.

Most popular item on the program was the last one, free jaunts for all the local children.

Pilots who took part in the show included: Bud Hallet, Jimmy Gilmore, Bill Shrubsall, Lorne Stephens, Dr. G. W. J. Fiddes, Harry Mostad, Derry Roos, Stewe Schelly, Alan Hommons, Kenneth Ichner of Ketchikan, Conn Murnane, Capt. Kenneth Kirk, and Robert Kelsey.

Flyers and friends danced till dawn on Sunday morning at the Aero Club party after the display. During the evening Dr. W. S. Kergin presented three prizes. Harry Mostad, winner of the flour bombing event, received a silver cup and flying instructor Conn Murnane was presented with a bottle of cheer and a pair of silver Aero Club wings for his display of spins and turns. Kenneth Ichner of Ketchikan was awarded the bombing event booby prize—dark glasses, a cane and a silver cup full of pencils which he managed to sell before the party broke up.

WINS CCC TROPHY

William Greene Tops 13 Teenage Drivers

By PAT MONK

The "bucking broncoes" were sleek and well-behaved, but there was plenty of excitement up at Roosevelt Park yesterday afternoon for the 200 strong crowd that turned out to watch the second annual Junior Chamber of Commerce Teenage Roadeo.

Thirteen city teenagers drove four gleaming new cars—with more horse-power under their bonnets than any cowboy ever had to handle single-handed—around a tortuous course of twists, turns and sudden stops.

Victor was fair-haired William Greene aged 17 of 945 Borden Street, with top score of 376 out of a possible 400. Student of Booth Memorial High school, William is the son of Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Greene.

William has earned himself an expenses-paid trip to Terrace next Sunday to compete in the District finals for the Bob Parker Trophy. Next month he will fly to Vancouver to compete in the regional finals with the chance of competing in the National finals in London, Ontario this summer.

Second prize winner was James Arseneau, Dry Dock waterfront, with 368 points, third was Elvin Nystedt, 344 Sherbrooke Street with 365.

The three winners will attend the Junior Chamber of Commerce dinner on May 13 to receive their prizes. The 27½-inch high silver trophy presented by Columbia Cellulose Company will be displayed afterwards at Booth Memorial high, the winner's school. He will be given a smaller replica of the trophy engraved with his name. Silver cups will be presented to second and third winners.

The four events were judged by RCMP officers Inspector W. M. Taylor, Staff-Sgt. J. W. Todd, Staff Sgt. G. J. Emsley and Sgt. Adam Wildgoose.

The teenage drivers used four new demonstrator cars lent by local dealers. It demanded all their skill to steer the new longer than ever models through the serpentine course between lines of barrels and flags. The straight line test was marked by a row of plastic balls. Red and

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44 Killed In Canada On Weekend

By The Canadian Press

Canadians recorded a slightly higher than usual number of accidental deaths as they went outdoors to enjoy probably the sunniest weekend so far this year.

Fourty-four persons were reported killed across the country, a Canadian Press survey from 6 p.m. local time Friday to midnight Sunday disclosed.

Sixteen died violently in Ontario more than in any other province. All but three were traffic deaths. A youth died after a street fight, a farmer was pinned by his tractor and a woman was run over by a train.

In Quebec 14 were killed. Ten were victims or motor vehicle crashes, three drowned and one died in a fire.

Four lives were claimed in British Columbia, two by water and two by crashes.

In Manitoba a boy was killed in a hunting accident and two others died on the highway.

Alberta recorded two traffic deaths. In New Brunswick two were asphyxiated. In Nova Scotia a man was crushed by ice and another was killed in a car crash.

One death—another farmer pinned by his tractor—occurred in Saskatchewan.

No fatal accidents were reported in Prince Edward Island or Newfoundland.

Crash Victims Recovering In Hospital

Two teenagers taken to hospital with severe injuries after their light truck was smashed in a crash just outside Prince Rupert on Saturday afternoon, were making a good recovery in the General Hospital today.

The driver, 18-year-old Clive Russel Wint, 517 Sixth Avenue West suffered fractures to both arms, head injuries and lacerations to the face and legs. His companion, 17-year-old Ivy Robertson of Kitimat, received lacerations.

A third passenger, Theodore Rodney Wesley, 307 Wantage Road, escaped injury. Driver of the other vehicle involved in the accident, Ernest Maitland, 635 Third Avenue West, was also uninjured. He was driving a three-ton truck.

Police say the light panel truck in which the injured couple were riding was smashed beyond recognition in the collision.

The Weather

Mostly sunny today and Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Winds northwest 15 in exposed areas. The low tonight and high Tuesday at Port Hardy, Prince Rupert and Prince Rupert, 40 and 55.

MRS. RUTH SILLERY, an engineering technician at the Watervliet Arsenal in Watervliet, N.Y., poses near a 90-mm tank cannon she designed. On the staff of the research and development section, she's been employed at the arsenal for 15 years. Her husband, John, is a cannon design engineer. Born in Malmo, Sweden, Mrs. Sillery came to the U.S. in 1927, and is the mother of a 13-year-old daughter.

Thomas Collier Dies Aged 65

Thomas Collier, a 65-year-old ex-logger, died at his home 245 Seventh Avenue West, last night after a week's illness. A bachelor, Mr. Collier had lived in Prince Rupert for 40 years. He lived alone, and is survived by his mother, living in Alaska and his sister believed to be in Vancouver.

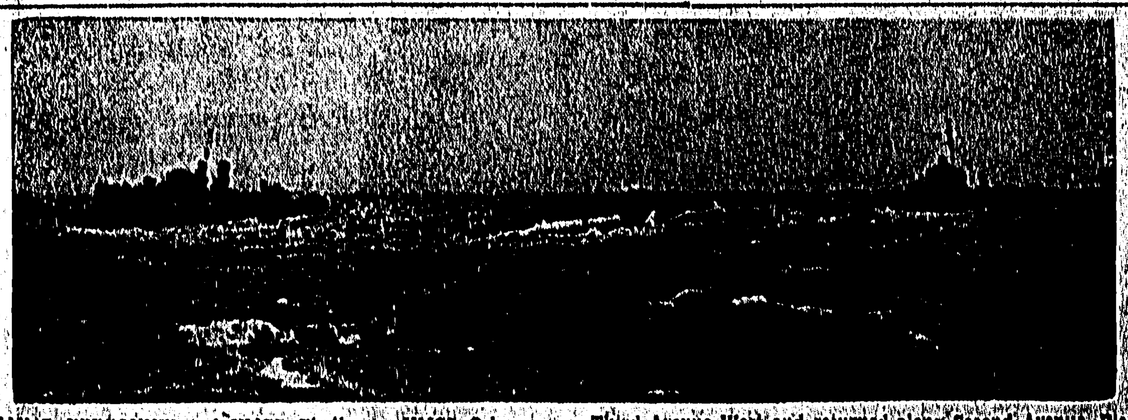
RCMP have asked fishermen to bring in a 14 foot clinker-built boat seen drifting off Green Island yesterday. The boat, white with a black trim, is empty except for a pair of oars. No reports of missing boats or persons have been received, police said.

YOUNG TAGGERS FOR MUSEUM LAUDED FOR COLLECTING $408

Fifty city children received "outstanding mention" Saturday when curator of Northern British Columbia Museum Mrs. Jocelyn Bolton thanked them for collecting the amount of $408 in the Museum Tag day.

Receiving first prize for top tagger was Bruce Johnstone, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnstone, 316 Fourth Avenue East. Other prize winners were runners-up Winnifred Dixon and Marie Love.

Proceeds from the successful tag day will go towards the new museum building fund, Mrs. Bolton said today.



NAVAL PERSONNEL of HMCS Chatham, HMCS Oshawa, RCSC Capt. Cook and members of the RCMP were among those who remembered scenes like this when they attended a Battle of the Atlantic memorial service at St. Andrew's Cathedral yesterday. The parade from HMCS Chatham was led by the reserve division's band, which marched to church along Third Avenue West and returned along Second Avenue. Picture above shows two of five Canadian warships which combined to destroy the U-744 cut off the attempted escape of the submarine after it had been forced to the surface. The action took place in the North Atlantic. (National Defence Photo).