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Clamp-down on street fighting to follow riot near City Hall

READY FOR ACTION—Firefighters holding hose are shown awaiting orders from RCMP officers in the centre of intersection of Fulton Street and Third Avenue during riots Sunday morning. Moments after picture was taken, the riot reached its peak. Policemen, from right to left, are Staff Sergeant J. W. Todd, Constable Delmar Maulsby and Constable Allan Hutchinson. —Staff photo

Mobsters scattered by teargas bombs

By MEINHART LAGIES
News Editor of The Daily News

In an emergency session called less than 20 hours after a wild riot shook the city, City Council last night pledged a merciless crackdown on street fights and any violence with the potential of building up to a mob scene.

Council gave a vote of confidence to RCMP who suppressed the riot early Sunday morning with tear gas after a two-hour battle against more than 1,000 rioters.

A special committee, consisting of Mayor Peter J. Lester, chairman, Alderman Norman Bellis and City Clerk-Comptroller R. W. Long, was appointed to investigate all circumstances of the riot and bring in recommendations to put an end to flare-ups such as the one Sunday and a similar one five years ago.

"We are going to take definite steps to prevent any further uprisings," the mayor said.

"The city will not tolerate any riotous action on the part of anyone. Anybody who has complaints about the method of law enforcement will be given an opportunity to present their views to the special committee."

Sunday's riot was reminiscent of that in 1953. A mob of more than 1,000 charged against a small force of RCMP and firemen blocking the way to city hall at the intersection of Fulton Street and Third Avenue.

Police ended the battle with a bombardment of about 25 teargas bombs that sent the rioters stumbling into alleys and side streets. Patrol cars dispersed the last groups to establish peace by about 2 a.m., two hours after outbreak of violence.

In 1953, a similar riot was subdued at the doors of city hall by use of teargas.

Yesterday's flare-up was attributed by RCMP mainly to an influx of about 3,000 visitors taking part in Port Day festivities, the last day of Prince Rupert's B.C. Centennial celebrations.

Five policemen and about 15 civilians were injured as the mob shelled 25 RCMP officers and 12 firemen with bottles and rocks, defying pleas by police and Mayor Peter J. Lester as well as two readings of the Riot Act by the mayor. The Riot Act makes it an indictable offence to disobey orders to break up all gatherings. Maximum penalty under the act is life imprisonment.

Some 35 alleged ringleaders were jailed. Some are facing charges of rioting, police reported.

U.S. Coast Guard not used

RCMP Inspector H. E. Bloxham today denied reports that U.S. Coast Guard personnel was directly used in quelling the riot here yesterday.

Inspector Bloxham was commenting on a Canadian Press dispatch from Ottawa quoting External Affairs Minister Smith as saying that he will investigate reports that personnel of the U.S. coast guard cutter "Balsam" took an active part in the fighting.

"The coast guard patrol were in the streets only as shore patrol, interested in looking after their own personnel," Inspector Bloxham said.

"They certainly did not take part in suppressing the riot," he said.

In Ottawa, H. W. Herridge, (CCF—Kootenay West) had asked in the Commons' external affairs committee what truth there was in press reports that personnel of a U.S. coast guard cutter "were used to quell the exhuberance of Canadians at Prince Rupert during celebrations of their province's Centenary."

The external affairs minister answered he would inquire into the reports.

The riots were set off shortly after midnight when two RCMP constables arresting a man and a women for fighting were attacked from behind and followed by a steadily growing crowd from the corner of Sixth Street and Second Avenue, up Second Avenue and Fulton Street until Third Avenue where an RCMP contingent alarmed by car radio blocked the way.

A fire truck was rushed to the scene, regular and auxiliary firemen called in and hoses were laid out. The full police force of city detachment and subdivision members was on the spot within minutes. Inspector H. E. Bloxham of subdivision took charge of operations.

The mob, now numbering more than 1,000, concentrated on the northeast and northwest corners of Fulton Street and Third Avenue

CROWD DEFIES MAYOR

Police tried in vain to split up the crowd without violence. When the first rocks were thrown across the intersection shortly before 1 a.m., Mayor Lester mounted the fire truck and attempted to calm the crowd over the lounspeaker. He was shouted down and forced to retreat by a shower of rocks.

Mayor reads Riot Act at 1:15

At 1:15, the mayor, his head covered with a helmet, took up position in the centre of the intersection and read the Riot Act twice. The mob answered with more rocks and bottles. Boulders up to 10 pounds in weight were now flying through the air. Not all of them missed.

Injured policemen were led into the police station, given first aid by William Kincaid and attending physicians and rushed out again.

Outside, two hoses were hurling water under 300-pound pressure at the rioters. The mob continued to press forward.

At the height of the disturbance members of the U.S. Coastguard service, in town for the centennial celebrations, were seen standing by close to the disturbance. With billysticks in hand, they marched along Third Avenue side by side with the RCMP discouraging further acts of violence.

Members of the local army reserve were also called into action and, as the riot abated, appeared on the streets with bayonetted rifles to forestall any fresh trouble.

In addition, the police recruited several onlooking civilians to give them a hand in restoring peace. These civilians were equipped with helmets as protection against flying missiles.

At 1:40, RCMP suddenly withdrew from the corner and exploded a teargas bomb into the boiling turmoil. The crowd was swewpt into different directions, trying to escape the gas. More bombs were fired as the rioters started to form hordes again. One went through the radiator of a car stranded at the intersection.

An ambulance left the police station unmolested, the first vehicle to pass the building since the beginning of the riot. Policemen in patrol cars and taxis cleared the streets, and at 2 o'clock only drifting clouds of teargas were left.

Centennial week climax successful despite rain

Thousands of city residents and visitors braved occasional rain showers Saturday to enjoy the event-packed program of Port Day, climax of Prince Rupert's B.C. Centennial Potlatch week.

More than 3,000 visitors from the south and surrounding villages had come to take part in or watch the 15-hour schedule, including the Grand Parade, a baseball tournament, boat races, opening of the new museum, a fireworks display and the Port Day ball.

On Friday night, crowning of Centennial Queen Merwyn Hennesey capped off the Youth Day program which was partly rained out and is scheduled to be run off as soon as the weather takes a turn for the better.

The Grand Parade, scheduled for 10 a.m., called off because of rain at 8 a.m. and rescheduled at 8:30, finally got underway at 11 o'clock with about 40 floats, bands and marching units.

QUEEN LEADS PARADE

Led by the Port Day Queen, her two princesses and attendants, the parade started at the Civic Centre and carried on through Second Avenue to Eighth Street and onto Third Avenue back to the Civic Centre where the entries were judged.

On arriving at the Civic Centre, the U.S. Army color guard staged its prize-winning exhibition of marching and drills, which was followed by the Prince Rupert Centennial Girls' Drill team, who also thrilled the crowds with drill displays. Accompanying the girls' drill was the Centennial Civic band, under the direction of conductor Peter Lien.

While floats and other entries were being judged, the Port Simpson and Greenville bands entertained spectators with their marching music.

Another highlight was the opening of the City's centennial project, the Museum of Northern British Columbia, by former Indian Agent Frank E. Anfield, who cut the ribbon and opened the doors to the modern building.

Former mayor George E. Hills presented Centennial Committee chairman Dr. R. G. Large with a gift on behalf of the Centennial Committee.

Prizes for the floats and other entries in the parade were presented to the winners at the opening of the museum by Dr. Large.

Merwyn Hennesey who was chosen Port Day Queen out of 11 contestant Friday night unveiled a replica of the Wolf Totem pole, carved by Charles Dudoward of Port Simpson who was introduced later in the program.

More than 2,000 people crammed the Canadian National Railway's dock Saturday afternoon as water activities carried on through heavy rain that ceased after about two hours.

Ketchikan speedboat racers took most of the prize money home in the outboard racing.

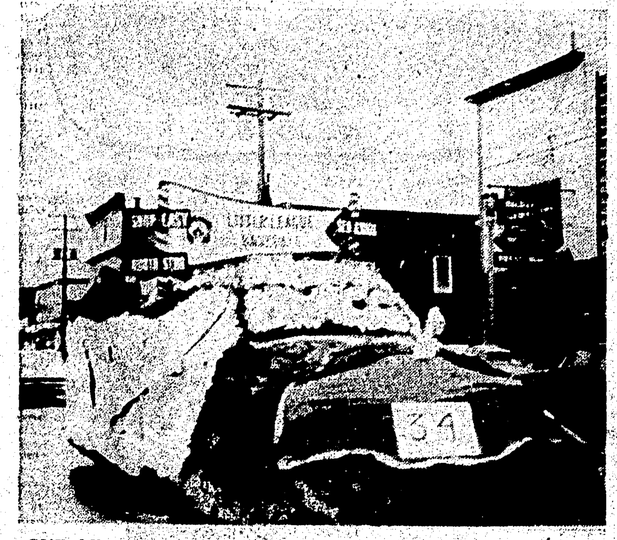
Prince Rupert baseball all-stars captured first prize of $500 in the $1,000 baseball tournament staged at Roosevelt park.

Included in the Port Day water activities at the CNR dock were packer boat races, gillnet setting races, troller races, log rolling contests and other fishing boat races.

The baseball tournament opened Saturday 12 noon at Roosevelt Park with seven entries. The baseballers managed to play off four games although they had to stop playing every 15 minutes because of rain.

The day's celebrations were topped off by a brilliant fireworks display staged on a barge in the harbor just off the CNR dock.

About 1,000 people crowded the Navy drill hall Saturday night and danced to the music of a six-piece band under the direction of Stan Veitch as the Prince Rupert Centennial week of celebrations came to a close.



ONE OF most colorful floats in Saturday's Grand Parade was the Little League entry shown above. Shot was taken on Second Avenue. —Staff photo.

Sun breaks through for opening of museum

By GRACE BROWN
Daily News Staff Writer

Evening sunlight radiantly broke through the day's rain clouds to shine on Prince Rupert's Centennial project the Museum of Northern British Columbia Saturday night when the new stream-lined building was ceremoniously opened before more than 1,000 enthusiastic spectators.

The eventful function began a spectacular evening of Port Day activities to climax the city's memorable "Potlatch Week."

Dr. R. G. Large, centennial chairman, introduced Williard E. Ireland, provincial Librarian and Archivist, who brought greetings from the B.C. Centennial committee.

"This centennial has been lots of work but lots of fun and has, all over the province, exceeded the expectations of the central committee," Mr. Ireland said in his remarks of congratulations to the city.

"While we will not be here 100 years from now, someone else will be celebrating another centennial and will re-live the colorful events which are now taking place in the province during this year of 1958," Mr. Ireland said.

POLE UNVEILED

The unveiling of the Wolf Totem was made by Miss Prince Rupert, Merwyn Hennesey, as all heads were raised to watch the centennial banner stripped from the beautiful pole which first made its appearance here in 1924.

The excellent recarving of the famed relic was credited to Charles Dudoward, who was seated in an honored place on the platform with museum board directors.

Seated beside Mr. Dudoward was Mrs. Irene Harris of Kitwanga, Princess Antquelibbisque of the City of Damelhamid, which was the centre of civilization on the Skeena River up until three hundred years ago.

A robe of 100 years old was wrapped around her, shoulders and Mrs. Harris proudly stood to display the century old garment.

BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

"The outstanding feature of this centennial is that it has brought the people of British Columbia together," Frank Anfield told the crowd who stood to watch him cut the ribbon and open the city's centennial project.

The former Indian agent, as guest speaker, congratulated Miss Hennesey and expressed his pleasure at seeing his Native friends, who he said were "part of the show."

"What you have done here is truly fantastic, and this new museum goes on record as being the finest in Canada," he said.

"But more than that the erection of this building has taught us to forget ourselves and look back and take stock of ourselves constructively. It is good to look back and take stock of ouurselves and think of those who lived before us as we will do when we examine the treasured pieces in this building."

Mr. Anfield, now the Indian Commissioner for the Vancouver area, said that it was with the greatest honor that he cut the ribbon and opened the doors of the museum which was then visited by the applauding crowd.

Receiving a special gift was Dr. Large, by ex-mayor George E. Hills, while Mrs. Jocelyn Bolton, museum curator, presented bouquets of flowers to Mrs. Large and Mrs. Anfield.

Special thanks went to Orme Stuart, project chairman, board member J. B. Scott, and Mrs. Bolton who received visitors at the door.

Also thanked were the attending bands, the Port Simpson band and the Centennial Civic band.

The presentation of prizes to winning parade floats preceded one of the night's highlights when Mr. Ireland made the presentation to the Indian Councillors in the area.

COUNCILLORS HONORED

Receiving centennial medals were Chief Roger Mercer and councillors Jacob Davis, Percy Tait, Rod Robinson, Sydney Ell and Ernest Morven of Alyansh; Chief William Leeson and councillors Charlie Moore, Albert Moore, William Bright Kelly Stevens and Victor McKay of Greenville; Chief Ernest Azak and councillors Edward Azak and Henry Azak of Canyon City; Chief Solomon Doolan and councillors Rennie B. Clayton, John G. Moore, Edward G. Nelson, Anthony Robinson and Murphy O. Stanley, Kincolith; Chief James Nelson; councillors Norman Brown, Job Tolmie, John Vickers and Lucas Brown, Kitwatla; Chief Alvin Leask, councillors Howard Leask and John S. Ryan, Metlakatla and from Port Simpson Chief Reginald W. Sampson, councillors William E. Kelly, Arthur Wesley, Lyle Reece, James G. Lawson, George Ross, Alfred Price, Henry White and William L. Alexcee.

PRESENTED MEDALS

Oldest residents in native villages also to be presented medals are Michael Bright, 88 years of Alyansh; Peter Calder, 80 Greenville; Mrs. Lucy Moore, 63, Canyon City; Robert Stewart, 82, Kincolith; Henry Watt, 85, Kitkatla; Charles Ryan, 86, Metlakatla and John Sankey, 84, Port Simpson.

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Fires near Doukhobor settlement suspected to be work of terrorists

NELSON, B.C. (CP)—Forest service officials blamed terrorists for four fires which burned almost 500 acres of timberland Sunday about a mile from the Sons of Freedom Doukhobor settlement of Krestova.

The forested mountainside northwest of the settlement, 20 miles east of here was engulfed in smoke and leaping flames. Winds gusted up to 30 miles an hour spread the fires.

Officials said four bulldozers were en route to the fire scene Sunday night and should be in use this morning.

A special patrol, one of several stationed in this area, following incendiary fires near Blewett last week, reported the first fire at 10 a.m. Two minutes later it spotted a second fire outbreak 200 feet from the first.

As firefighters arrived they spotted the third and fourth east of the first two fires. Winds had fanned them beyond control.

SIMILAR PATTERN

Officials said the scattered fires broke out in a pattern similar to the earlier fires. They said the frequency and pattern of the blazes suggested arson.

Fires broke out. They were at a religious "Declaration Day" service at nearby Brilliant, organized by orthodox Doukhobors.

Four Freedomite women undressed before a crowd of 1,000 persons. RCMP arrived at the scene and sent the women home.

SOUTHERN PART OF PROVINCE UNAWARE OF B.C. BIRTHDAY

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia legally became 100 years old Saturday, but no one seemed to notice in the southern part of the province.

It was on Aug. 2, 1858, that Queen Victoria gave Royal assent to a bill establishing the crown colony of B.C.

Chairman L. J. Wallace of the B.C. Centennial committee said Sunday centennial planning focuses attention on Nov. 19, the date the proclamation was read at Fort Langley, B.C.

U.S. Lebanon forces now more than 13,000

By EDWIN A. SHANKE

BEIRUT (AP)—The United States swelled its armed force in Lebanon to more than 13,000 men during the weekend. The Middle East battleground enjoyed a respite from major shooting but the politicians began bickering over who should represent Lebanon at a summit conference.

Twenty-two hundred American soldiers landed in Beirut Sunday and 75 yanks and 226 other vehicles awaited unloading.

There were indications that more American troops and equipment were on the way although the Lebanese rebellion has settld into an uneasy unofficial truce since the election of Gen. Fuad Shehab as next president. In the only explanation of the U.S. reinforcements, Admiral James L. Holloway, the American commander in the area, said they were part of the total originally ordered to Lebanon last month and had not been diverted.

REBELS DISARM

Rebel leader Kamal Jumblatt was reported disarming his 3,000 man private army in the mountains southeast of Beirut. But the rebel leaders in Tripoli and Beirut kept up their demands that President Camille Chamoun step down in favor of Shehab immediately and that the U.S. forces withdraw.

Chamoun's term does not expire until Sept. 23, and some politicians maintained he should represent the government at any summit conference on the Middle East held before then.

However, Saeb Salam, the rebel chief in Beirut, and other rebel leaders threatened a renewal of fighting if Chamoun or some delegate of his went to the summit for Lebanon.

Other Middle East developments:

U.S. Deputy Undersecretary of State Robert Murphy, President Eisenhower's Middle East conciliator, returned from a 24-hour stay in Baghdad and prepared to leave for Cairo Tuesday to see President Nasser of the United Arab Republic.

WON'T BE DOMINATED

Murphy said he was impressed by the determinatoin of Iraq's new premier, Abdul Karim Kassem, and his ministers to maintain their independence in foreign policy and not to be dominated by anyone. He said his reception was "extremely cordial and friendly."

Murphy added that he thought it would be some time before Iraq decides whether to remain in the Baghdad Pact, of which it is the only Arab member.

Stewart definitely road terminus

VICTORIA (CP) — Mines Minister Kenneth Kiernan said Friday the terminus of the Cassiar-Stewart road in northern B.C. will be Stewart after all.

Earlier there had been some doubt the road could be built across a glacial deposit at the Stewart end and the possibility of another southern terminus was mentioned.

Meanwhile, work on the road is continuing.

Two boats sell catches

Two halibut vessels sold their catches on the Prince Rupert halibut exchange this morning.

Sales with prices for medium, large and chicken size fish in brackets are as follows:

Capella—30,000 pounds (22; 22.5; 14) sold to Atlin fisheries.

Sentinella — 27,000 pounds (22.2; 22.5; 14) sold to British Columbia Packers.

WEATHER—

Cloudy with intermittent rain. Little change in temperature. Southerly winds 20. Low tonight and high tomorrow 55 and 62.

TIDES—

Tuesday, August 5, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	04:34	17.6 feet
	16:50	18.8 feet
Low	10:41	6.2 feet
	23:22	7.0 feet