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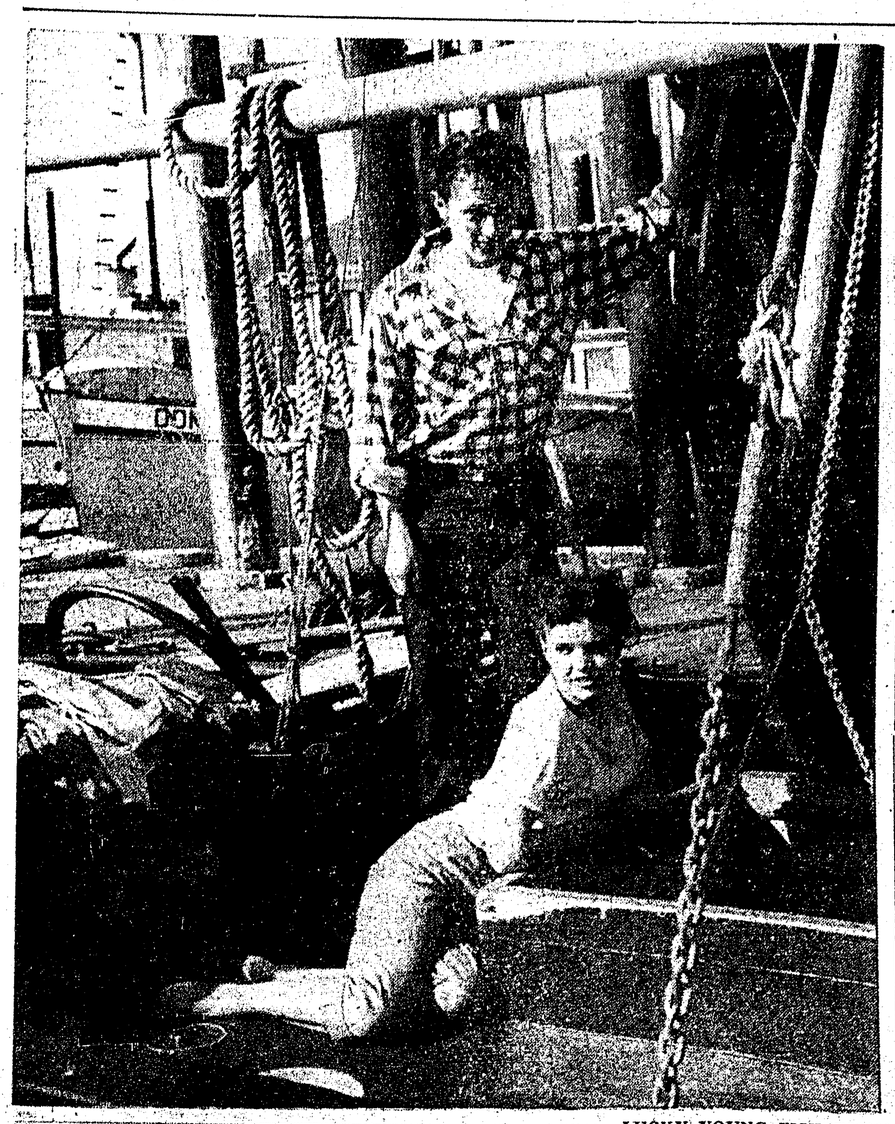
3,000 firemen to go on strike May 11 barring further moves



LUCKY YOUNG FISHERMAN shown above is Robert Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dunn, 649 Hays Cove Circle, who was being assisted Sunday afternoon aboard his salmon troller by mermaid Sylvia Bellis, 21 (today) daughter of Alderman and Mrs. Norman Bellis. Bob Dunn, a University of British Columbia student going through for chemical engineering, fishes for the Prince Rupert Fishmen's Co-Operative association in the summer. Sunday afternoon he was busy fixing up his troller, the Verna L. Sylvia was foreman on the job. —Staff photo by Dick Ayres.

Pay boost urged for seamen

OTTAWA (CP)— The majority report of a federal conciliation board has recommended a 12-per-cent salary increase for 219 employees of the CNR's Pacific coast and the CPR's British Columbia coast steamship service, retroactive to Sept. 1, 1957.

The report, signed by F. E. Harrison, chairman, and R. A. Mahoney, company representative, both of Vancouver, also proposed a further increase of seven per cent next Sept. 1, based on present wage rates.

However, Elwyn Hopkins, union representative, proposed a minority report that all wage scales be adjusted under a complicated formula which would mean higher rates.

The board investgiated a wage contract dispute between the two companies and the Canadian Merchant Service Guild Inc. and the National Association of Marine Engineers of Canada Inc.

The majority report recommended an overtime rate of time and one-quarter for all work in excess of eight hours. However, the minority report proposed time and one-half. The two unions requested double time.

Both reports proposed a company-union agreement expiring Dec. 31, 1959.

PRETTY HEATHER McKEOWN, 16-year-old Victoria high school student, displays poster that won her top prize in contest sponsored by B.C. Division of the Canadian Cancer Society to aid the provincial drive for $250,000. Prince Rupert branch will campaign for $3,000 Monday night in a blitz drive with more than 120 canvassers covering 17 zones. Local chairman is Dean A. E. Hendy.

Rail union rejects negotiations offer

MONTREAL (CP)—Barring developments, the 3,000 firemen employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway will go on strike May 11 in a bid to ward off the CPR's plan to bring a gradual removal of firemen from freight and yard diesel service on that date.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (CLC) announced the strike date Thursday. It later rejected the conditions of a company offer to resume negotiations.

If supported by other railway unions, the strike could tie up the CPR's transcontinental service as one did for nine days in January, 1957.

MEET TUESDAY

Officials of the railway unions, about 22 groups in all, are to meet here Tuesday to decide what support, if any, is to be given the brotherhood.

The strike has been set for 6 a.m. local standard time Sunday, May 11, across the country.

That's the date the CPR planned to begin implementing recommendations of the federal government-appointed Kellock royal commission—that firemen are not needed on freight and yard diesels but should be retained on passenger and steam locomotives.

The commission, headed by Mr. Justice R. L. Kellock of the Supreme Court of Canada, made the recommendation in a report made public last February after a 10-month study of railway operations. The report is not binding.

While the brotherhood claims it will have the support of other railway unions, CPR President N. R. Crump says the CPR expects the other unions to respect their contracts and not support the firemen in their strike. He said the CPR will continue to operate if the firemen go on strike.

"Canadian Pacific does not intend to have the firemen's union again prevent its employees from working," Mr. Crump said in a letter to employees.

After learning the date of the strike, Mr. Crump offered in a letter to resume negotiations "within the principles and framework of the Kellock royal commission report."

The union, in a telegram rejecting the offer, said:

"Up to this moment you have been endeavoring to prescribe the rules under which the negotiations will be conducted. When you advise that negotiations will be unrestricted, as they should be, our negotiating committee is ready to proceed to Windsor Station."

The telegram was signed by W. E. Gamble, Canadian vice-president of the brotherhood, and John Graham, general chairman of the union's CPR section. Mr. Graham announced the strike date on behalf of the negotiating committee.

The strike also will affect three CPR subsidiaries—the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway on Vancouver Island, the Quebec Central and the Dominion Atlantic in Nova Scotia.

PROJECT STANDING STILL

Men urgently needed to finish swim pool

An urgent plea for volunteer workers to help finish the Civic Centre swimming pool by Labor Day was issued today by E. P. O'Neal, chairman of a special committee formed to speed work on the community project.

Mr. O'Neal said that his committee, composed of Mrs. A. L. Bell, R. W. Long, and W. A. Gordon had met twice to explore ways and means of getting volunteers down to the half-finished building.

"There is quite a bit of hard work to be done before the skilled workers are brought in," Mr. O'Neal said.

He added that it was imperative that individuals and organizations who had pledged work hours go down to the swimming pool building and fulfill their promises.

FINAL SPURT

"While scores of volunteers have already completed their quotas and many have surpassed them, there is a desperate need for new blood and a final burst of energy to complete the job," Mr. O'Neal said.

"Right now we need 20 men to finish digging necessary ditches," the chairman of the committee stressed.

Donald Gaitens, chairman of the Swimming Pool project has estimated that there are still 12,000 man hours left before the pool is finished. He said recently that unless the community got behind the project with as much enthusiasm as when it started, the pool would not be completed by Labor Day.

NINE-YEAR OLD

Mr. O'Neal reported that a nine-year old boy, Dougie McBride, who plans to swim in the pool when its finished, has already been down to the project to work. The first time he helped pour concrete and the second he made himself useful swinging a sledge hammer.

"If a nine-year old boy can do it, surely there are enough men in this town of 10,400 who can help out until we get the pool finished," Mr. O'Neal said.

June 16 set for election in Manitoba

WINNIPEG (CP)—A June 16 general election in Manitoba was announced Thursday night by Premier D. L. Campbell.

The announcement, before more than 200 persons at a Liberal - Progressive nomination convention in the new riding of River Heights in southwestern Winnipeg, ended months of speculation as to when the Campbell administration would go to the people.

Dissolution by Lieutenant-Governor J. S. McDiarmid Wednesday afternoon came almost three weeks after the April 10 prorogation. This means that new constituencies set up in redistribution came into effect Thursday, one day after dissolution.

Nomination day was set at June 2.

Kiesman funeral slated tomorrow

Funeral for Samuel Albert Kiesman, Prince Rupert's Centennial baby, will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow from Ferguson Funeral Home. Very Reverend A. E. Hendy, Dean of Caledonia, will officiate.

The four-month old boy died suddenly at home yesterday morning. No inquiry will be held, City Coroner George J. Dawes announced.

Result of an autopsy by Dr. R. B. Smith yesterday was given as death of "natural causes."

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143 boats ready for halibut

Two days before opening of halibut season in areas 3A and 2, a total of 143 fishing licences for those areas have been issued, Department of Fisheries reported today.

The figure constitutes an increase of 86 since last Monday. Season will open at 6 a.m. Sunday.

New fund stands at $202.65

The newly-opened bank account for three teenage girls who were car accident victims on Highway 16 last week stood at $202.65 at press time today, fund chairman Miss Eve Poffenroth reported today.

Miss Poffenroth opened the account yesterday with $75.65 and banked another $127 this afternoon.

The money will help defray medical expenses for Donna Spence, 17, released from Prince Rupert General hospital Wednesday, Sylvia Gjelsvik, 17, reported in good condition in hospital and Carol Dickens, 18, driver of the car and reported in "fair" condition in Vancouver General hospital today by Canadian Press.

Brief sent to Ottawa over houses

KITIMAT (CP)—Patrick Smyth, chairman of the newly-formed Kitimat Housing Investigating Committee, said Thursday a brief has been forwarded to Works Minister Howard Green complaining of faulty construction in some Kitimat homes.

Smyth said members of his committee had met with officials of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation here to discuss the complaint.

He said the committee is waiting to see "what action the CMOH will take because housing areas in parts of Kitimat look like becoming slum areas."

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada will supply Greece and Turkey with 25 T-33 jet trainers this month under the mutual aid program, the RCAF said Thursday.

Has tantrums

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Producer Jonie Taps went into temper tantrums almost daily, his wife, actress Ellie Kent, testified in winning a divorce Thursday. Miss Kent, 28, said she suffered nervous rashes after her husband's outbursts.

COUNCIL APPROVAL SOUGHT

City service stations agree on late closing

Starting Sunday, Prince Rupert motorists will find two service stations open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on holidays and one station until midnight on weekdays.

This improved service, announced today by J. D. McRae, president of the local branch of the Automobile Retailing Association, has been presented to city council for approval.

The 10 service stations in the city are taking advantage of a new bylaw in this fashion

Operating on a rotating schedule, one garage will remain open until midnight Monday through Saturday.

On holidays, as defined by the bylaw, two stations will stay open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

All service stations and service garages will be open on weekdays until 9 p.m.

Signs will be posted at every garage to notify the motorist which station will have extended hours.

First garage to give the benefit of longer service will be Shell Sunset station which will be open May 4 and share the late shift for the remainder of the week with Bob Parker Limited.

These points were agreed upon by the city's service stations at a meeting Wednesday night.

"We hope that this improved service will be sufficient to satisfy all customers," Mr. McRae said.

SPUNKY DEER PULLS BOO BOO, PICKS FIGHT WITH MOVING CAR

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police today showed that they not only get their man but they get their deer.

A collision on Highway 16 between a large buck and a RCMP patrol car, killed the deer and caused about $200 damage to the vehicle.

Coming out from the side of the road between Miller Bay Indian Hospital and Oliver Lake, the deer charged into the car only to bounce off, run for 100 feet and drop dead.

Only one member of the RCMP sub-division detachment was in the car at the time.

Construction in city tapers off

A tapering off in building activities last month dropped the 1958 amount of construction below the 1957 figure for the first time this year.

Building Inspector J. C. Ewart reported today that he issued 50 building permits in April for a construction cost of $76,840, a decline of $50,900 from April, 1957.

The year's four-month total now stands at $199,500 as compared to $200,900 in the corresponding period last year.

Largest drop in the April statistics is apparent in construction of new residential buildings. In April, 1957 six permits were issued in this category for $94,500 while last month four permits were authorized for $42,000.

Residential additions and repairs amounted to $28,375; commercial construction to $3,015; industrial building to $250 and miscellaneous construction accounted for $2,700.

Resident here for 40 years E. Erickson dies

City resident Ernest Erickson died this morning in Prince Rupert General Hospital at the age of 68.

Mr. Erickson was a blacksmith and powder man with Columbia Cellulose Company for several years until his retirement last August.

Born in Solna, near Stockholm in Sweden, Mr. Erickson came to Canada at an early age and has been living in the Prince Rupert district since 1918.

Funeral arrangements are in the hands of Ferguson Funeral Home and will be announced later.

The deceased leaves no known relatives in Canada.

Fifth time lucky

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Mrs. Gregory Peck gave birth to a daughter Thursday, bringing this comment from her actor husband: "I'm a very lucky fellow. It's my first daughter in five tries."

DIRECTS TRAFFIC—Assistant patrol leader Bruce Johnstone of first Prince Rupert Boy Scouts troop receives instructions in traffic signalling by RCMP Constable Arthur Borlo in front of Fire Hall. Watching on sidewalk are patrol leader Tom Harding, assistant patrol leader Robert Green, assistant patrol leader Wayne Watmough, troop leader Peter Pearce and patrol leader Robert Gordon. Scoutmaster is Paul De Kock. Motorist J. C. Franks obeys signal readily. Scouts will have opportunity of making use of instructions when aiding in direction of teenage rodeo Sunday at Roosevelt Park.

—Staff photo by Meinhart Layles.

WEATHER—

Cloudy with sunny periods today and Saturday. A little cooler tomorrow. Winds southerly 15 Saturday. Low tonight and high Saturday at Prince Rupert 45 and 55.

TIDES—

Saturday, May 3, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	:43	23.2 feet
	13:20	21.2 feet
Low	7:14	.7 feet
	19:22	4.3 feet