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Pope calls for unity, peace; "Perils overhanging mankind"

Council dims hopes of television by April

Plans of A. L. Fletcher and Associates to install television in Prince Rupert by April 1 received a sharp setback at last night's meeting of city council.

Council agreed with its Television committee that no agreement should be made with the firm until the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has replied to a submission council is making.

This submission urges the setting up of a relay chain from Vancouver, and seeks information on costs and time and equipment required.

The committee's recommendation was endorsed without dissent or even discussion.

In practice it is likely to mean that Mr. Fletcher's plan to use co-axial cable for piping canned TV to city homes has been vetoed; for at the last meeting Mr. Fletcher said a quick decision was urgent, and that delay would mean that he and his associates would be unable to go ahead.

Council is optimistic about the chances of setting up equipment in telephone stations along the coast, and believes that live television could thus come to Prince Rupert much earlier than 1965, the date mentioned as the soonest possible.

PRIMATE RETIRES — Most Rev. Walter F. Barfoot, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, since 1951, is retiring Dec. 31. He will continue as Archbishop of Rupert's Land and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land. Archbishop Barfoot's duties will be assumed by Most Rev. Philip Carrington, Arhbishop of Quebec and senior Metropolitan of the Church. —CP photo.

Mrs. G. T. Glenn funeral held

The funeral took place at St. Andrew's Cathedral Friday of Mrs. Gladys Tryphena Glenn, who died Wednesday. The service was conducted by Dean A. E. Hendy.

It was followed by interment at Fairview Cemetery.

The hymns were "Abide with Me" and "Lead, Kindly Light." The pallbearers were Michael Colussi, Robert Kelsey, Harold Hampton, Alex Rembacz, An[illegible] MacDougall and [illegible] Robinson.

Graveside rites were held by Women of the Moose and the Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion.

ELKS BINGO WINNER SOON

A total of 42 number have now been drawn in the Elks Lodge house Bingo contest, and matters can't go on much longer.

Proceeds are for crippled children.

Today's numbers are I-29; B-1 and G-48.

Previous numbers: B-3; B-4; B-5; B-6; B-11; B-12; B-13; B-14; B-15; I-17; I-18; I-19; I-23; I-26; I-28; N-33; N-34; N-37; N-41; N-42; N-43; N-44; N-45; G-46; G-51; G-53; G-56; G-60; O-62; O-63; O-64; O-65; O-66; O-67; O-68; O-71; O-72; O-74; O-75.

Big catch of herring in North

With the largest herring catch since 1953 under their hatches, fishermen in the northern area, central area and Queen Charlotte Islands will enjoy a prosperous Christmas season.

Herring catch to date has totalled 35,089 tons in the three areas, G. W. Winsby, assistant supervisor of Fisheries, reported today.

The 35,089 tons is 14,251 tons over the same period in 1957 and is the best catch since 1953 when it totalled 39,934 by the end of the same period, Mr. Winsby said.

The fishermen laid off for the Christmas season December 17 and will resume fishing the first week in January.

Total catch on the B.C. coast up to December 13 was 161,717 which is one of the most profitable fishing years on record for this province.

This is more than three times last year's total catch for the same period and compares with 138,457 tons in the record year 1953.

There was a heavy run of herring in the Gulf of Georgia and west coast of Vancouver Island waters.

The short herring season in the New Year, is expected to bring the total season's catch up to more than 200,000 tons, the largest ever recorded.

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JACOB VANDENBRINK, who has been appointed as manager of the Civic Centre in Prince Rupert. He is taking up the position left vacant by Cathe ine Laurie, who resigned due to ill health.

Invitation to Queen repeated

Prince Rupert's invitation to the Queen to visit the city on her tour next year has been forwarded from Buckingham Palace to Minister for External Affairs Sidney Smith.

The Queen's secretary stated [illegible] that the Canadian Government draw up the program for the visit.

A copy of the palace letter has been sent to Governor-General Vincent Massey.

Council has repeated its request to the Federal Government, and has been assured that it will receive the attention of Mr. Smith.

W. T. Delworth, Mr. Smith's executive assistant, has written to council assuring them of this, and has stated that the invitation has been forwarded also to the Government Hospitality Committee, which is responsible for co-ordinating plans for the royal visit next summer.

POST OFFICE BOXING DAY HOURS

All Post Office wickets, with the exception of the money order wicket, will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. December 26, Postmaster R. S. Scherk reported today.

The Post office will be closed all day Christmas Day.

Need for defence of Christianity

VATICAN CITY (CP)—Pope John XXIII, in his first Christmas address, called today for unity and peace. But he said his plea is not likely to be heard in Communist lands.

The 77-year-old supreme ruler of the Roman Catholic Church asked men of faith to put aside military and violent thoughts.

Then he warned them to be vigilant "in the night that is darkening" and ready to defend Christian principles against the "insidiousness of the enemies of God."

The Pope paid high tribute to his predecessor, Pope Pius XII, who during his reign delivered 19 Christmas messages in which he invariably pleaded for peace and Christian unity.

The Pope's message was in reply to traditional Christmas wishes presented by Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals.

The Pope said man's lack of good will in following God's call is "the most terrible problem of human history and of the lives of individual men and peoples."

In a 15,000-word speech, the pontiff referred to the "atheist and materialist situation" in which some nations find themselves.

He spoke of the "slavery for individuals and the masses, slavery of thought and slavery of work."

In several areas of the world new towers of Babel were being erected "and they will surely end like the frist one."

The Pope continued:

"But for many the illusion is great and the ruin is menacing. Only unity and compactness in strengthening the apostolate of truth and of true human and Christian brotherhood will be able to halt the grave perils overhanging mankind."

The Pope said the spilt unity of Christ's heritage remains a factor of disturbance and prejudice.

"The sadness of this painful fact does not prevent and will not prevent, we trust in God, our effort to maintain our loving invitation to those of our dear separated brethren who also bear Christ's name and read His holy and blessed gospels and are sensible to the insiparations of religious piety and beneficent and blessed charity."

In his references to the situation of the church in Communist-ruled countries he recalled that he spoke recently of the "most grave events" in China. The pontiff denounced the persecution of Catholics in China in a speech a week ago at a ceremony at which he created new cardinals.

"What has been happening for years in the immense territories beyond the Iron Curtain is too well known to need extensive illustration.

"There is nothing military-like or violent in our attitudes as men of faith, but it is necessary to be watchful in the night which is becoming denser.

[illegible] snares laid by those who are enemies of God even more than our enemies and we must prepare ourselves for the defence of the Christian principles which are the bulwark of true justice, now and always . . .

CONSTRUCTIVE CHRISTMAS

"May this be a constructive Christmas.

"May all those who are listening to this voice through the waves of the air, who are listening to the bells calling for union and prayer in homage to the humble intentions for the sanctification of the new year so that it may become for all the world a year of justice, of blessing, of goodness and of peace."

Pope John paid feeling tribute to his predecessor, Pope Pius XII, whom he called "pastor angelicus"—the angelic pastor.

He recalled the 19 Christmas messages broadcast by Pope Pius, whose teaching he summed up as "unity and peace."

The Pope spoke in Italian. His speech lasted 23 minutes.

Turkey, trimmings for patients

Full Christmas fare is in store for patients in Prince Rupert General Hospital, administrator Edward H. Knight announced today.

Mr. Knight said that the Christmas dinner menu for hospital patients includes tomato juice cocktail, roast turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, giblet gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered turnips, green peas, relishes, pickles, plum pudding with sauce, candy, nuts and fruit.

Christmas trees have been placed in all the wards and rooms by the Hospital Women's auxiliary and the auxiliary has provided each of the 19 children in hospital with a gift.

The hospital staff has erected larger Christmas trees in the waiting room and at the nurses' stations on the second and third floors.

Around the tree on Christmas Morn —Cartoon by Tom Nicoll.

"CALL A CAB" SAY RCMP

Trip to jail only free ride slated for drinking drivers over holiday

The police caution still stands during this holiday season, the RCMP in Prince Rupert said today. "If you drink, don't drive."

But if you're drinking in Calgary, Lethbridge or Medicine Hat you can get a free ride home with police.

In Prince Rupert, Edmonton, Toronto and many other Canadian centres, however, the only ride the drinking driver can expect is to jail for the night.

Sgt. J. E. Ruttan, NCO in charge of the City RCMP detachment said that the local police would like to provide the [illegible] drivers but "we just haven't a big enough staff for it and we are not in competition with the taxi firms."

He said the best advice for drivers who have sense enough to know when they've had too much to drink to drive is to "call a cab."

"It's much safer and less costly in the long run to call a taxi to drive you home than to have an accident that could cost hundreds of dollars and maybe take a life or maim someone," Sgt. Ruttan said.

A Canadian Press survey shows that only Calgary, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat provide a chauffeur service by off-duty policemen Christmas and New Year's Eve for tipsy motorists who request it.

If there's someone sober to leave the keys with, okay; otherwise, the policeman takes them with him and they can be picked up the next day at the station.

Police in Edmonton say [illegible]

At Halifax, the police traffic division said the only free rides they plan are in the black maria to the station-house. "If they want to drink tell them to leave their cars home," an officer commented.

"NO LENIENCY"

The RCMP which polices all rural areas in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, said there will be no leniency for drunken drivers.

Traffic inspector Chris Stagg of the Calgary police said his [illegible] ferry service in 1949 when a drunk weaved into a police station, threw his car

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Record herring harvest

VANCOUVER — The biggest cargo of herring ever carried on this coast was unloaded at Shingle Bay, North Pender Island, during the weekend.

The coastal freighter Mina C. down to her marks with the 427 tons of fish in her holds, unloaded the Esperanza Inlet herring at the John C. Jackson reduction plant on the gulf island.

The fish were caught by the seiner Dolina II, one of many deepsea herring boats which have been reaping a 20,000-ton harvest of herring in the west coast inlet.

Fisheries department statisticians expect the herring catch along the B.C. coast to hit the 175,000-ton mark before the end of the year, the largest catch ever recorded so early in the season.

CHRISTMAS SETTING — A white Christmas is assured for this ski cabin in a peaceful setting on Hollyburn ridge in West Vancouver. Vancouver Province photographer Eric Cable took the picture at night but got an effect of sunlight by resting his camera on a stump with the shutter open and the lens set at F/11 while he walked about firing an electronic flash gun. —CP photo.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT GIVEN FOR CITY'S CENTENNIAL WORK

Prince Rupert has received a Certificate of Merit from the B.C. Centennial Committee for its "complete co-operation" during this summer's celebrations.

It was sent to Dr. R. G. Large, chairman of the Prince Rupert Centennial committee, and he presented it last night to Mayor P. J. Lester.

Dr. Large said the certificate represented thanks to everyone in the city for their efforts. He and the committee felt it would be unfair to pick out individuals, and thought it better that the certificate should go to the whole of the city.

Storm-damaged destroyer in no danger, says RCN

HALIFAX (CP)—The navy said today the Canadian destroyer escort Huron has been damaged by gale-force winds and heavy seas 600 miles off the Nova Scotia coast but is in no danger.

The ship, manned by a skeleton crew of 150 men, reported undetermined damage to the forepart of the vessel caused minor flooding in some compartments.

The destroyer escort Saguenay has left here to intercept the Huron and stand by during the remainder of her voyage to port.

PLANE SENT OUT

An RCAF maritime command aircraft from Greenwood, N.S., has been ordered to rendezvous with the Huron in the North Atlantic.

The navy said it is "now unlikely" the ship will be home for Christmas. It declined to estimate an arrival time because "everything depends on the weather."

The Halifax weather office said winds in the area were west at 30 miles an hour gusting to 35. Conditions were deteriorating.

The Huron is under the command of Cmdr. William Howe of Fort William, Ont., son of C. D. Howe, member of the former Liberal federal government.

NO DANGER

The navy stressed that the ship, bound home from Toulon, France, after undergoing repairs to a damaged hull suffered in a collision with a French warship during NATO exercises in the Mediterranean, is in no danger.

"The actions being taken are the normal precaution dictated by the severe weather conditions prevailing along the ship's course," the navy statement said.

Normally, the Huron carries a crew of 250 but 100 were sent back earlier with other ships of the Canadian task force to ensure they would enjoy Christmas at home.

WEATHER—

North coast region cloudy with scattered showers today and Wednesday. Remaining mild. Southerly winds 15 reaching 25 in exposed areas. Low tonight and high tomorrow 30 and 45.

TIDES—

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1958
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	00:36	18.2 feet
	12:06	20.0 feet
Low	06:06	9.0 feet
	18:48	4.0 feet