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LETINS Are Expelled And Suspended

**Punitive Action Taken
Against Two N.H.L. Players
For Gambling on Games**

LANSING, Mich. (P)—Clarence S. Campbell, president of the National Hockey League, today expelled Billy Taylor, New York Ranger hockey player, and suspended Don Gallinger of the Boston Bruins on charges of being associated with gamblers.

Campbell reported the punitive action to Governor Kim Sigler of Michigan.

The N.H.L. President returned to Michigan to announce his decision because Detroit police last week, on Sigler's instructions had given him information to point a link between gamblers and professional hockey players.

Campbell expelled Taylor for conduct "prejudicial to and against the welfare of hockey."

He charged he had sufficient evidence to show that Taylor had "knowingly associated with and communicated with James Tamer, criminal and known gambler."

**AMERICAN SHIP
CALLING HERE**

Arkansas Due Wednesday or Thursday to Load Towboats For Indo-China

The Hawaiian-American Line freighter Arkansas is due to dock here either Wednesday or Thursday to load four steel tugs for shipment to Saigon, Indo-China. The shipment will be the third in the last year to leave this port for the same destination.

The previous eight tugs, all built at Owen Sound, Ontario, have been shipped on American vessels.

Capt. Alex Sinclair of the B. C. coast pilotage service arrived in the city Monday on the Princess Adelaide to pilot the vessel into harbor here. The Arkansas is arriving from San Francisco.

The four tugs have been at the drydock for several months awaiting shipment.

THE WEATHER
(Forecast)

Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Clear today, cloudy Wednesday. Winds light. Little change in temperature. Lows tonight and Wednesday—At Port Hardy 28 and 48, Massett 30 and 45, Prince Rupert 30 and 45.

**BRING MORE
IMMIGRANTS**

Capacity of Liner Aquitania To be Further Enlarged

HALIFAX—The largest immigration ship in Canadian service, the veteran four-stacker Aquitania, is to be refitted on her return to England to carry more than 400 additional passengers, it was announced today here by Hon. J. A. Glen, K.C., minister of mines and resources, Ottawa, and Arthur Randalls, C.B.E., director of the Cunard-Donaldson Line, owners of the liner, during an official inspection of the immigration ship.

"The Aquitania will in future bring 1,730 passengers on each trip from the United Kingdom to Canada in British immigration service," Mr. Glen said, "instead of only between 1,200 and 1,300 as in the past. She will make 11 more voyages to the Dominion this year and it is possible, if conditions demand it, that she will be operated in 1949."

Before returning to Ottawa Mr. Glen will inspect four of the liners carrying emigrants to Canada and immigration facilities at this port which were only recently improved for the handling of large numbers of persons efficiently and comfortably. They are the Ascania, also a Cunard ship, the General Stugis, a United States transport, and the Beaverbrae.

LOCAL TIDES

March 10, 1948

1:33	19.5 feet
13:25	20.3 feet
7:28	6.3 feet
19:42	3.5 feet

**FINN ENVOYS
FOR MOSCOW**

Leftist-Tinged Delegation to Go to Soviet Capital to Negotiate Pact

HELSINKI, (P)—Finland picked a leftist-tinged delegation today for the Moscow talks on the Russian-Finnish treaty of friendship and mutual assistance, a member of the government said. Government quarters said the expected negotiations to begin about March 20.

The seven-man Finnish delegation will be headed by Premier Mauno Pekkala. There is no indication as to whether special technical advisers on military matters will be attached to the group.

The majority of Finland's political parties have expressed opposition to a military alliance with Russia.

Of the seven delegates three represent Parliamentary groups which have gone on record against the arms pact.

Pipe Gas from Peace River to Coast

Ottawa Goes All Out to Give Great Welcome to Barbara Ann

OTTAWA, (P)—Barbara Ann Scott, world Olympic and European figure skating champion, surged into her home town today on a tidal wave of wild enthusiasm. Thousands jammed a mile-long parade route. She received a "Queen's welcome."

School children had a holiday and the reception was the most impressive ever accorded anyone by the capital. Politicians, working and business people took time out.

Barbara Ann arrived at Union Station at noon. She hugged Prime Minister Mackenzie King and Mayor Stanley Lewis. "It's great to be back in Ottawa and home," exclaimed Barbara simply as Mrs. Lewis presented her with a huge bouquet of roses while the Mayor gave the keys of the city.

Banners along the parade route said: "We love you, Barbara Ann," "Ottawa is Proud of You," "Welcome Home."

COUNCIL BOUNCES SCHOOL BUDGET BACK TO BOARD IN COST PROTEST

Prince Rupert's school budget, which has been bounced back and forth between the school board and the city council, will remain in a temporary state of suspension following council's second decision last night to decline to accept it as too high.

In declining to approve the \$178,000 budget, the aldermen admitted that they held no criticism of the school board for the size of the budget, but were joining in a province-wide pressure movement to force the provincial government to relieve the municipalities of exorbitant school costs.

The budget originally was handed to council on February 23 and was turned back to the board for "downward revision." The board turned back the budget to council on March 3, unchanged.

A difference of opinion, however, exists as to the extent of the increase in the city's share of school costs over last year. In declining to accept the budget the first time, the city claimed that this year's cost to the city would be 39 per cent above last year. The board countered that it would be 25 per cent higher, not 39.

City's share of the school estimates this year is \$100,233, whereas, last year, the Board claims, it was \$80,000. However, the city says, a 1946 surplus of \$7,783 was included in last year's budget which actually brought the city's share down to a little more than \$72,000.

Rejection of the budget leaves the way open for arbitration proceedings which can be arranged by mutual agreement by March 10. If both sides do not agree to arbitration by March 10, the Municipal Act provides that either one of the parties can petition the government for arbitration by March 15.

What happens if neither side request arbitration is subject for speculation, although the aldermen are pretty well resigned to the inevitability of having to accept the school costs as set out by the Board.

Basis of the council's present action is a letter from the Union of B. C. Municipalities which suggested that it "turn back the estimates where they have been increased to too great an extent."

This course of action was decided by a meeting of U.B.C.M. officers at Victoria 10 days ago. Mayor Nora Arnold is one of the officers of the Union.

Mayor Arnold said last night that she "honestly believed that the Board did its best to keep costs down," and her opinion was shared by finance chairman Alderman T. B. Black.

"I have no complaint with the Board," he declared. "I think they did a good job, but the costs are still too high. In the light of that, I think we should send the budget back and await arbitration."

Alderman Black moved that the school budget be sent back and that a covering letter to the Board explain the city's situation.

"We are not trying to embarrass the Board but we have to find the extra money and we don't know where to find it," Mayor Arnold pointed out. "It means an increase of 6.13 mills on the tax rate."

**Omineca Member
For Sweepstakes**

VICTORIA (P)—E. F. Rowland, C.C.F. member for Omineca, suggested in the Throne Speech debate in the Legislature yesterday that sweepstakes be allowed to raise funds for hospitals.



VACTIONING ONTARIO GOVERNOR AND WIFE—Ray Lawson, lieutenant-governor of the province of Ontario, and his wife are shown leaving Miami, Fla., for Nassau. He and Mrs. Lawson who are on vacation, left Miami to spend several days in the Bahaman capital.

Rupert-Ketchikan-Juneau Barge Service To Start This Spring

SEATTLE (CP)—A new Alaska barge service to operate between Prince Rupert and Ketchikan and Juneau was announced here today. It is to be operated by the Southeast Alaska Transit Co. and is expected to be in operation within 40 days.

The line plans to use barges equipped with rails so that railway cars can be run directly aboard at the end of the line at Prince Rupert. The plan calls for shipment of commodities across Canada in sealed cars.

CONCILIATION IN PALESTINE

United States Would Seek "Peaceful Measures"

NEW YORK, (P)—The United States was prepared to press for new Palestine conciliation effort today as the Big Powers tackle the Holy Land crisis.

The exact nature of the United States' plan is not disclosed but a member of the American delegation said, however, that his delegation would insist that consultations be confined to "peaceful measures" of settlement.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Vancouver	
Bralorne	9.50
B. R. Con.	.03 1/2
B. R. X.	.07
Cariboo Quartz	1.85
Dentonia	11 1/2
Grull Wilksne	.04 3/4
Hedley Mascot	.80
Minto	.02
Pend Orielle	2.30
Pioneer	3.40
Premier Border	.04 1/2
Privateer	.25
Reeves McDonald	1.20
Reno	.11
Salmon Gold	.21
Sheep Creek	1.00
Taylor Bridge	.45 1/2
Taku River	.55
Vananda	.16
Congress	.03
Pacific Eastern	.05
Hedley Amalgamated	.03
Spud Valley	.12
Central Zeballos	.01 1/4
Silbak Premier	.44
Oils—	
A. P. Con.	.15
Calmont	.45
C. & E.	4.05

Royal Route By Way of Panama

LONDON, (P)—Buckingham Palace today disclosed that the King and Queen and Princess Margaret Rose will make their trip to Australia and New Zealand and next year by way of Panama Canal. The route chosen is taken to indicate that they will first visit New Zealand.

AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver—I. S. Barber, T. Kaye, G. F. Tough, To Sandspit—Robert Parker, C. Leinen, M. Chabulka, From Vancouver (Monday)—T. C. Upson, J. Bertalino, J. M. Clark, W. Drew.

Group of Vancouver Men Consider Huge Project

Would cost \$40,000,000, it is Expected—Supply Coastal City and Communities of Interior

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Vancouver Daily Province said today that a group of prominent business men here have under consideration the construction of a 650-mile natural gas pipe line from the Peace River district to the coast. The line would cost an estimated \$40,000,000 and would supply Greater Vancouver and interior British Columbia cities with gas for industrial and home use.

It would cost \$25,000, it is estimated to sink a well a distance of 2500 to 2600 feet at which depth it is expected the gas might be encountered.

Among those interested in the project are Frank Ross, Senator J. W. deB. Farris, Victor Spencer, Norman Whittall and George Martin.

Russians Fire Upon Transport

Incident Over Gulf of Chihli—Five Passes But No Hits

SHANGHAI, (P)—Two P39 fighter planes with Russian markings fired on a Chennault Airlines commercial transport plane carrying 32 passengers from Mukden Monday.

An airlines official said the attacking planes made five passes at the slow transport, firing each time but missing. He said the transport pilot reported they must have had no intention of hitting it. Otherwise they could not have missed.

The transport was crossing over the Gulf of Chihli, south of Russian-occupied Dairen and Port Arthur, Manchuria, at the time.

The private air line was organized by Major - General Claire Chennault, retired American air commander in China during the war. Its planes have been engaged in carrying refugees out of beleaguered Mukden.

INAUDIBLE BAT CRY

The cries which a bat emits while in flight vibrate at 50,000 cycles a second, far above the range of the human ear.

HIGHER 'PHONE, GARBAGE RATES

Financial Situation Occupying Attention of City Fathers

Hints of possible increases in telephone and garbage collection rates were made at last night's city council meeting as the aldermen prepared themselves to study the 1947 financial report which will be ready for the next meeting.

Alderman T. B. Black, finance chairman, told his colleagues that "we may have to take steps to increase telephone rates," after he had given an indication of the city's financial position as of December 31, 1947.

"I don't know the best way to do it," he said. "We might increase the rate and leave the same discount or leave the rate and reduce the discount."

The financial report, which will be given to the aldermen prior to the March 22 meeting, will show a "slight deficit," Alderman Black said. Budgets of some departments had been exceeded by small amounts.

Operating deficit would be about \$2,000, he said.

Work of printing 100 copies of the financial report was given to the Dobb Printing Co.

An increase in garbage collection rates may result if the council decides to institute back-door pick-ups in place of the street curb collection system now in operation.

"I think the aldermen are getting pressure from all quarters to have garbage picked up from the back doors," Mayor Arnold said. "It seems to me that the citizens might agree to higher collection rates to have their garbage collected at the door."

Alderman Robert McKay, utilities chairman, said that "the fishermen will soon be going out and it will be a hardship on their womenfolk if they have to carry the garbage to the street."

The Mayor requested City Engineer C. B. Howe to bring in current figures on his garbage collection check-up at the next council meeting.

**PROVINCIAL SALES
Tax is Favored**

VICTORIA, (P)—A. R. McDougall, coalition member for Vancouver-Point Grey, on Monday in the Legislature advocated imposition of a sales tax to meet increased demands for education and social services.

Must Have Aid of U.S.

Otherwise British Economy Will Collapse, Declares Cripps—People Starving Now

LONDON (CP)—Sir Stafford Cripps told Parliament today that British economy will collapse unless substantial United States aid comes this year.

"Without the Marshall plan there is no prospect of a decent standard of living for years," Cripps said in a white paper.

At the same time a London dietitian said that many Britons were showing the first signs of starvation. He reported a number of patients with mild deficiency symptoms.

LORD ALEXANDER BEING HONORED

VANCOUVER, (P)—Honorary Doctor of Laws degree will be conferred upon the Governor General, Viscount Alexander, at the spring convocation of the University of British Columbia on May 13, it was announced yesterday. The Governor General will deliver the convocation address to more than 1200 students, the largest in the history of the University.

SPEEDING LOGS INTO SAWMILLS

Rushing in Timber Before Spring Thaw Comes and Road Traffic Lightened

Deliveries of logs to central interior sawmills are being speeded up now before frost gets out of the ground and before it becomes necessary to lighten up traffic on the highways with the coming of the spring thaw. There is no diminution of lumber cutting at the interior mills, according to arrivals in the city.