Wismer Raps Winch On Power Act Claim

CCF Leader's Charge on Appeal Clause Deletion Termed Libel

By Sun Staff Reporter

VICTORIA, Jan. 14.— Attorney-General Gordon Wismer declared today that deletion of an appeal clause from the Electric Power Act at the last session of the legislature had nothing to do with the B.C. Power Commission's appeal against appraisals of three public utilities companies taken over by the commission.

The Attorney-General rapped back sharply at CCF leader Harold Winch, who charged at a political meeting here last Friday that Premier John Hart was either "misinformed, misled or double-crossed" on the act either by C. H. Locke, KC, government counsel (now Mr. Justice Locke of the Supreme Court of Canada) or by the Attorney-General's department.

"The whole statement (by Mr. Winch) has no factual foundation and contains a gross libel not only on all members of my department, but upon a man who was recognized as one of the outstanding and honorable members of the legal profession in this and the legal profession in this high judicial position," Mr. Wismer declared.

(Mr. Winch's charge had reference to an amendment which allowed an extension of time for appeals against appraisal valuations, which, he said, was deleted while Mr. Hart was out of the House.)

CROSS APPEAL

Mr. Wismer declared that, at the time the amendment was drafted, the government was advised the Power Commission's appeal against the appraisals was in perfect order and the amendment "had nothing to do with existing litigation."

It was drafted, he said, at the suggestion of General J. A. Clark, KC, and R. H. Tupper, acting as counsel for Nanaimo-Duncan Utilities Ltd., because they wanted more time to file a cross appeal from the B.C. Power Commission's appeal, at which they got notice only half an hour before the time expired for filing the cross appeal.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Ansoomb and myself had several interviews with the legal department of the B.C. Power Commission and finally with Mr. Locke, who advised us it was entirely unnecessary to make any amendments to the act, said Mr. Wismer.

REQUEST WITHDRAWN

"However, it was felt by the government that if a right had been taken away by reason of the exceptional circumstances, the government should pay whatever was the fair value of the assets expropriated; and an amendment was accordingly drawn, with retrospective effect, permitting application to be made to the court for extension of time similar to that contained in the court of appeal rules."

In the meantime, General Clark and Mr. Tupper reconsidered the matter and abandoned their request for the amendment, "as Mr. Locke had advised us he did not think the amendment should be made and as the only parties involved, as far as we knew, was the Nanaimo-Duncan Utilities Ltd., this amendment was withdrawn."

Union Charges Wage 'Chisel'

City Outside Workers' Union, Local 28, "will take the necessary steps to see that the wage agreement is lived up to," Donald Gutes, business agent, commented today on council's refusal, Tuesday, to pay the senior wage rate to a substitute worker.

Gutes argued before council that G. Warman of the engineering department, should have been paid as foreman when he did his senior's work during a vacation.

"The decision . . . is a straight violation of wage agreements between the city and our union," he said. "It is chiselling on established wage rates."

F. S. Skelhorne Dies Here

Frank Stanley Skelhorne, 54, 6151 Granville, contractor, died Monday.

Born in Worcester, Mass., Mr. Skelhorne came to Canada 40 years ago. He was a member of Zion Lodge, No. 76, AF and AM.

Survivors are his wife, Ethel; a son Gordon, at Western University, London, Ont.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, 2 p.m., in Simmons and McBride Chapel, Rev. Elbert Paul and Rev. P. T. Williams officiating. Burial will be in the family plot, Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

MEETINGS

Kerrisdale Branch No. 30, Canadian Legion, Forty-second and Yew, Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Annual dinner and installation of officers.

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Loyal Orange Association, Victory Hall, Saturday, 2 p.m. Installation of officers for 1948.

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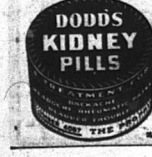
Vancouver Optimist Club, Hotel Georgia, Thursday, 6 p.m.



U.S. Opens Libya Air Base Again

LONDON, Jan. 14—(BUP)—The United States Air Force disclosed today that it was reopening its wartime air base near Tripoli, Libya, on the North African coast across the Mediterranean from Greece and Italy.

European headquarters at Wiesbaden announced that the Tripoli base was being re-established to service planes heading for the Middle East. It was closed a year ago when the Air Transport Command cut down its flights to Karachi by way of North Africa.

With the U.S. program for aiding Greece expanding steadily, air traffic to that zone from the United States has reached an unprecedented scale. Scores of U.S. Army officers are arriving in Greece in small lots to serve as advisers to the Greek Army in the campaign against the Communist guerillas.

Island Scene of Vast Health Study

NANAIMO, Jan. 14.—Parents of 8000 Vancouver Island school children are watching with keen interest results of a unique health experiment to determine physical fitness of the youngsters.

With schools in the Central Vancouver Island Medical Health Unit, embracing districts between Duncan and Alberni as the setting, the scheme is being carried out by Dr. D.V. Hutton, OBE.

Details of the work were aired by Dr. Hutton in an address to members of South Ward Parent-Teacher Association.

First report by Dr. Hutton, on loan to British Columbia Department of Health from Dominion Department of National Health, is expected in several months.

The experiment, termed the "Wetzel Grid" plan, is organized on a chart basis. Graphs record a child's body type or build and the rate of growth between the ages of two and 18. Charting is divided into two separate sections.

One portrays the pathway of life during the growing years and categorizes the child into a physical type—stocky, medium or linear body structure.

Loss of build with a trend toward a more linear shape is often a warning of health trouble while any one of a number of causes, it is pointed out. A trend toward a heavier physique may indicate nutritional excesses or glandular disturbance.

Second panel shows the speed with which the individual child is developing.

David Rowley, B.C. Pioneer, Dies at 86

A British Columbia pioneer who came to Vancouver in 1886 on the second train to reach the coast, David Rowley, 86, 2690 Trinity, died Tuesday at his home after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service will be held Friday, 1:30 p.m., in Simmons & McBride Chapel, Rev. A. M. Sanford, DD., officiating.

Mr. Rowley gained distinction about 10 years ago when he was runner-up in a giant gladioli competition here. His "glads" grew five feet seven inches.

Surviving are five daughters: Mrs. A. C. Riddell, Pasadena, Cal.; Mrs. R. J. Roche, Scarboro Bluffs, Ont.; Mrs. W. A. Curran, Trail; Mrs. J. L. Hobbs, Victoria; Mrs. W. M. MacKenzie, 3372 West Thirty-first.

There are also nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mrs. Rowley died three years ago.

Jap Claims Hearings to Be Shortened

LYTTON, Jan. 14—(CP)—Drastic shortening of the time needed to hear Japanese property claims appeared possible today, following a federal order authorizing county court judges in various centres to hear much of the evidence submitted.

Mr. Justice Henry I. Bird, the one-man royal commission appointed to hear appeals against the Custodian of Enemy Property, disclosed that Justice Minister Ilsley had approved such a measure.

Mr. Justice Bird will initiate all hearings under the plan, with transcripts of evidence later heard by the county court judges forwarded to him.

It was hoped thus to shorten hearings scheduled for Kamloops, Vernon, Nelson and Grand Forks, all British Columbia points, from 16 to four weeks.

A breakdown of individual claims showed 47 from Lillooet, 104 from Kamloops, 100 from Vernon, 112 from Grand Forks and 98 from Nelson.

Lethbridge, Alta., is scheduled to produce 366 claims; Moose Jaw, Sask., 15; Winnipeg, 126; Fort William, 37; Toronto 276, Montreal, 53, and Vancouver only one.

In yesterday's hearing here Majiro Shoji entered a claim for $12,041. He claimed $12,399 for real property and $942 for goods and chattels allegedly sold by the Custodian of Enemy Property at prices below fair market value. Real property consisted of his former residence and box-making factory in Vancouver.

He testified he had paid $18,000 for the factory buildings and land.

Pioneer Ship Firm Head Dies

Last of three Scottish brothers who founded one of B.C.'s pioneer shipping concerns died in hospital here Tuesday.

He was Capt. William Mackenzie, 79, of 1602 West Tenth, who came here in 1889.

Shortly afterwards, he and his brothers founded Mackenzie Bros. Steamship Co., and pioneered much of B.C.'s maritime industry, particularly on the northern runs. Capt. R. F. Mackenzie, president of the firm, died some years ago; Capt. Duncan Mackenzie, the third brother, died five years ago.

The brothers operated a big passenger steamer, the Rupert City, plus the passenger-freight ship Henriette and a number of smaller vessels.

About 1895 the brothers went on the ship Eliza Edwards to Cocos Island, in one of the early treasure hunts there.

In 1910 their ship line was bought out by the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Capt. Mackenzie leaves his wife and three sisters, Mrs. Harry Scott, Mrs. William Boomer and Mrs. William Peers, all of Vancouver.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Nunn & Thomson's chapel. Interment will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Vancouver Real Estate Exchange, Hotel Georgia, Thursday, 8:45 p.m. Speaker, Howard T. Mitchell.

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Showerproof Reversibles — Sizes 10 to 18. Regular to 9.75 — 4.95

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BLOUSES — Sheers and crepes, long or short sleeves. Reg. to 5.95 — 2.00 to 3.50

SKIRTS — Wools, plaids, alpines. Regular to 5.95 — 2.00 to 3.50

LINGERIE — Nylon and parachute silk panties. Regular to 1.95 — 79c

PANTIES — British import, lockstitch. Small, medium only. Reg. to 1.49 — 89c

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—Bargain Basement

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