

Greenpeace chases whaling fleet

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Greenpeace expedition is chasing the Russian whaling fleet in the north Pacific, about 1,400 miles north of Hawaii, a Greenpeace Foundation spokesman said Sunday.

Rod Marining, who was in radio contact with Greenpeace VII, the 153-foot converted

minesweeper James Bay, said the anti-whaling group began pursuing the Russian whalers late Saturday after disrupting whaling activities for two consecutive days.

Mr. Marining said the oil-powered minesweeper is into its reserve tanks and might have to leave the whaling fleet temporarily for a fueling stop at Midway Island, a United States naval installation.

He said Greenpeace has received special permission from the base commander to take on fuel.

Meanwhile, crew members on Greenpeace VII said in a radio message that the unidentified submarine spotted Friday had surfaced again at noon Saturday.

Greenpeace VII captain George Korotva of Tofino, B.C., said the submarine had been on their radar screen for three to five days but they were only able to confirm it was a submarine on Saturday.

"It surfaced five miles off our port stern for about five minutes before submerging again," he said.

During Saturday's confrontation, Greenpeace VII

launched three rubber boats to intercept two harpoon boats, which stopped whaling when the rubber boats moved in front of them.

In a radio message, Dr. Paul Spong, a Greenpeace scientist and whale expert, said the

harassment tactics are working.

He said the Russians appear camera-shy and seem willing to call off the whale-killing rather than be photographed by the Greenpeace volunteers.

Levi criticizes welfare change

VICTORIA (CP) — MLA Norm Levi (NDP—Vancouver Burrard) said Friday the most brutal part of the new welfare rates announced by the Social Credit government is its failure to recognize the plight of people under age 55.

Human Resources Minister Bill Vander Zalm announced Thursday that welfare rates for recipients in British Columbia will increase as much as \$70 a month, starting Oct. 1. The rates, however, will remain the same at \$160 a month for those welfare recipients under the age of 55 who have no dependents.

"This group is the most vulnerable unemployment group in the work force," said Mr. Levi, human resources minister under the former New Democratic Party government.

"This failure to assist this group will create untold hardship for people over 40 and under 55."

Mr. Levi was also critical of the new rates for welfare

recipients age 55 to 59. In that area, a single person will receive \$230 a month and a couple will receive \$340.

"That is going back to the old discriminatory practices of the W. A. C. Bennett government," Mr. Levi said. "You are better off if you are single than if you are a couple."

Mr. Levi said that the minister has created an administrative nightmare by announcing that the increased benefits won't be provided until after a person has been on welfare for more than four months.

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Strike action hinted

VANCOUVER (CP) — Frank Stevens of the Cement Masons Union said Sunday he will recommend that his members reject the Kinnaid report when they vote on ratification Wednesday and he indicated that union might take strike action Tuesday.

About 200 Vancouver-area plumbers, members of the Plumbers, Pipefitters and Steamfitters Union walked off the job Thursday in a dispute with Construction Labor Relations Association, which bargains for 850 British Columbia contractors, over paid downtown parking and travel time for hot meals.

Last week the cement masons signed a memorandum of agreement with CLRA on the Kinnaid report.

But Mr. Stevens said "if individual trades are allowed to play games then the Kinnaid report is useless. All the trades asked for downtown parking and CLRA said no one would get it."

He said his union is not ready to work until the industry is settled.

There have been concessions made to powerful unions in the past, he said, adding that his members will set up picket lines "possibly Tuesday morning unless CLRA indicates it won't concede to the plumbers' demands."

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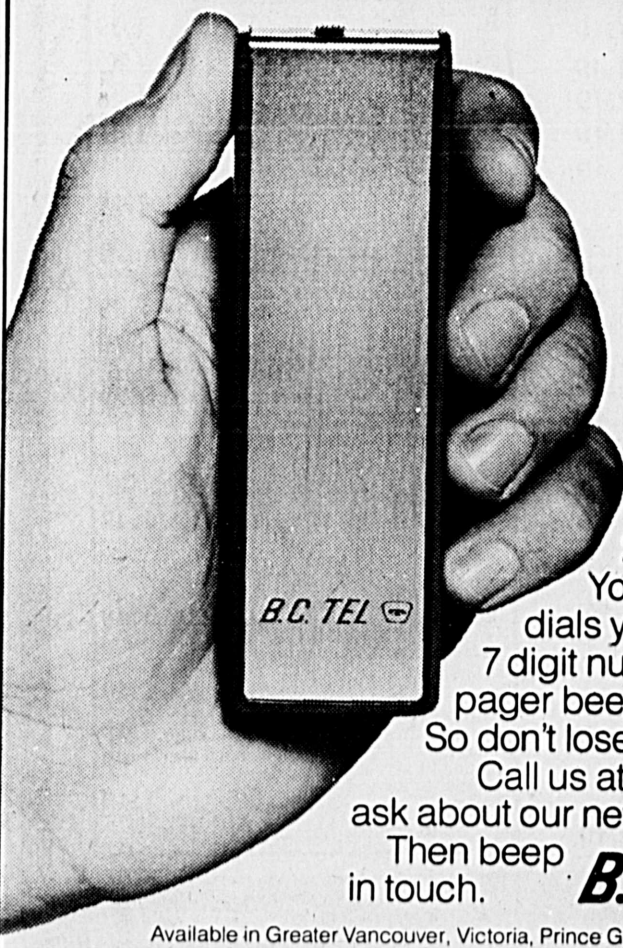
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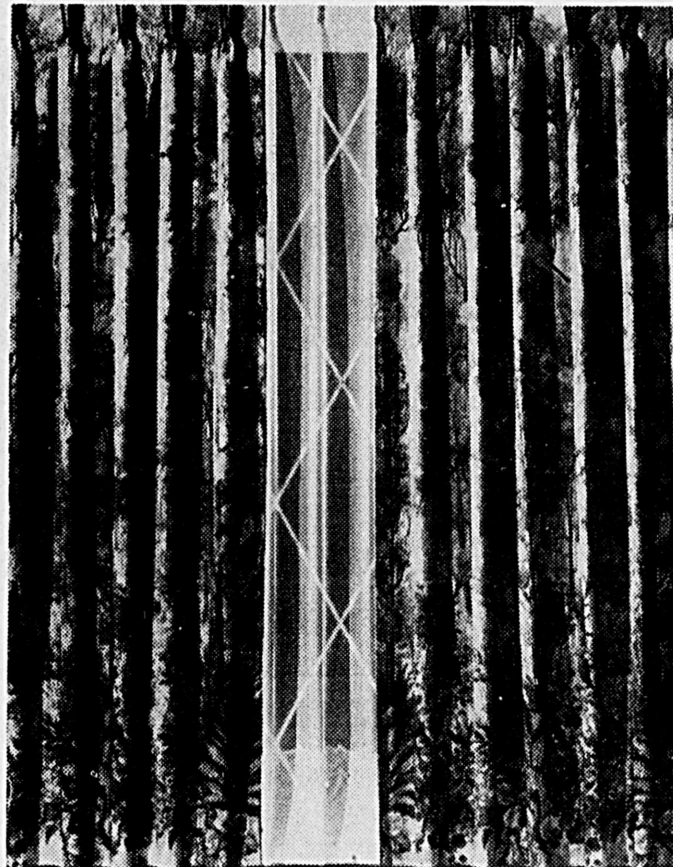


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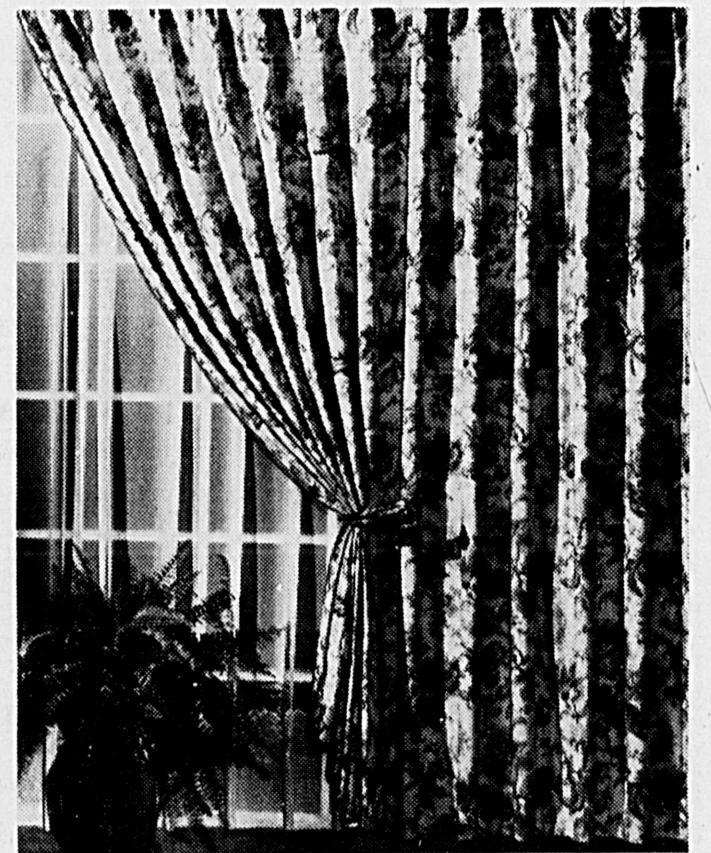
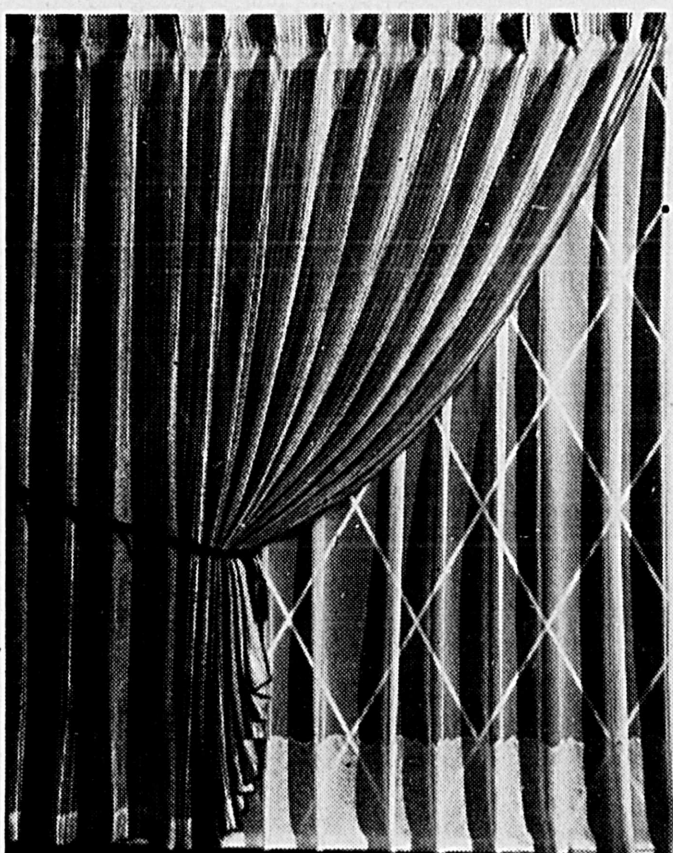
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