

CANCER SOCIETY CHIEF

Carrick admits fraud role

VANCOUVER (CP) — Adrian Frederick Mark Carrick, executive director of the Canadian Cancer Society, admitted in court Friday that he took part in a car repair fraud against the Insurance Corp. of British Columbia.

He told Judge D. T. Wetmore and the jury that he collaborated with an ICBC claims adjuster and another man to have his wife's car repainted under a claim for vandalism that never occurred.

Carrick was giving Crown evidence at the trial of Tri Starr Collision Repairs Ltd. and its operator, Stanley Kadlec, who are charged with conspiring with Stuart Trober, a former ICBC claims adjuster, and David Sharma, a former ICBC damage estimator, to defraud the corporation between February and May 1975.

They are accused of illegally obtaining money from ICBC by submitting repair documents

which increased the cost to ICBC to more than the value of repairs actually done.

Trober told the court that he, Sharma and Kadlec were engaged in a scheme by which Sharma would bump up the estimated cost of repairing cars brought in by their owners, that Trober would approve the inflated cost items, that they would then recommend to the owners that Tri Starr do the job, and that Kadlec, Trober and Sharma would split the amount over and above what it actually cost Tri Starr to do the repairs.

The ICBC payment cheques to Tri Starr were based on the amount authorized by Trober in the claims documents.

Trober testified Thursday that in addition to obtaining ICBC money by bumping up otherwise legitimate repair claims, there were also cases when he put through claims for car accident damage that never happened.

Trober told the jury he was

charged as a result of his activities, pleaded guilty in another court and was sentenced to a year in jail. He said he served less than the year because of statutory remission and time off for good behaviour.

Carrick, testifying under protection of the Canada Evidence Act, admitted he took part in a scheme in which his car was repainted after obscene words were spray-painted on the car. Trober, he said, fixed up the necessary ICBC adjustment claim forms to show vandalism was the cause of the car's damage.

He told Crown counsel Chester Bridal that Trober came to his West Vancouver home and brought the necessary ICBC

claim forms with him. Under cross examination by defence counsel Ram Hira, Carrick said he realized he was making a fraudulent claim, and that he paid Trober \$100 for the claim.

Michael Flick, an ICBC claims supervisor, said he became concerned about Trober's handling of certain claims after discovering what he felt might be irregularities.

Flick said that photocopies were made of the files on Trober's desk, that later the files were removed, and that a check showed that certain changes had been made in the files after they were photocopied.

The trial continues.

Vancouver's Sea-Bus moves 15,000 people

VANCOUVER (CP) — Vancouver's new ferry system connecting the downtown area with North Vancouver shuttled 15,000 people across Burrard Inlet on its first day of public operations Friday.

Most of the passengers paid 35 cents to board the Sea-Bus system - more for the novelty than speed. The system is meant to accommodate foot passengers as well as persons leaving buses with transfer tickets.

"It took me 50 per cent longer, but it's a lovely ride," commented one commuter while another said he was just "giving it a whirl."

Project manager Charlie Pratt said commuters aren't altruistic enough to help a system that doesn't help them, but ferry officials promised that

bus-links with the Sea-Bus terminals will be tightened to reduce delays for bus passengers and allow the ferry service to rival the all-bus system that uses the bridges.

The late evening rush Friday and by 9 p.m. the 400-seat Burrard Beaver was filled to capacity and more than 100 disgruntled patrons were forced to wait half an hour until the next sailing.

Sea-Bus captain Gary McRae, 36, said the ferry operated flawlessly the first day and completed all runs on schedule.

The Beaver and its twin, the Burrard Otter, begin operations at each terminal at 6:15 a.m. and end the day at 12:30 a.m. Monday to Friday with slightly modified hours on weekends.

The province BRIEFLY

Greenpeace: 'Japan plays dirty tricks'

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Greenpeace Foundation will launch an ecological navy into the Pacific this summer to fight what it terms "secret sneak attacks" on whales by Japan.

Foundation president Pat Moore told a press conference Friday that the "dirty tricks" being played by the Japanese whaling industry have forced Greenpeace to drastically alter its protest plans.

Instead of sending out one anti-whaling vessel, Greenpeace will send two and possibly three.

Review promised

VICTORIA (CP) — A series of complaints by 19 disgruntled secretaries to ministers in the British Columbia cabinet will soon be reviewed by the government, the Canadian Press learned Friday.

The complaints were aired Thursday at a 40-minute meeting with the secretaries, Finance Minister Evan Wolfe and Provincial Secretary Grace McCarthy, who is in charge of the public service.

Wolfe said in an interview Friday that he and Mrs. McCarthy had agreed to meet with the secretaries and hear "certain anomalies" and discuss solutions to problems to be put before cabinet.

CUPE vote

VERNON, B.C. (CP) — Delegates to the annual convention of the British Columbia division of the Canadian Union of Public Employees voted unanimously Sunday to oppose any attempt by the B.C. government to introduce right-to-work legislation.

Offer spurned

VANCOUVER (CP) — The British Columbia Medical Association, which has turned down a government offer of a 5.112 per cent fee increase, is returning to the bargaining table asking for the full settlement allowed by the Anti-Inflation Board and other benefits, according to the BCMA News.

The News, a medical-political tabloid published by former Surrey alderman Dr. John O'Brien-Bell, says the negotiating team has been instructed to ask for:

- a larger allowance for increased overheads;
- more money for an education fund, used to help doctors get extra training;
- a professional fee increase "in keeping with that permissible under AIB;" and
- removal of an increase in disability benefits from the professional increase.



Jose Feliciano in concert at The Coliseum.

Rock, blues, country, Feliciano does it all

a Review by LESLIE PERRY
Audience members danced in the aisles at the Jose Feliciano concert here Saturday.

The Coliseum was hot and steamy with an outside temperature of 29 degrees but Feliciano made the audience of 1,500 forget the weather with his startling voice and guitar versatility.

He opened the concert with the theme he wrote from the television series Chico and the Man, an upbeat song that got a wild and immediate response from the audience.

Feliciano, backed by three musicians on drums, bass and keyboards, changed ably from one musical form to the next including rock, blues, country and western and balad. He also did voice impersonations of barnyard sounds with appropriate guitar sounds.

Throughout the concert, Feliciano gave the impression that he loved what he was doing — that he wasn't there

merely to be before an audience.

Born 31 years ago in Puerto Rico, Feliciano has been performing since he was nine and has been blind since birth.

The Prince George concert was part of a nine-city tour of western Canada.

Without pausing to banter with the audience between songs, Feliciano had the audience clapping in unison one minute and listening attentively the next.

After an electric guitar solo designed to spotlight his virtuosity, Feliciano ended the concert with an optimistic tune called I Write the Songs. For an encore he sang a shortened version of Light My Fire.

After the show, Feliciano said he used to perform on the road 240 days a year but the schedule became intolerable. He now performs out of large cities, only a few times a year.

He said he would like to be performing when he is 60, like Frank Sinatra, even if he is financially able to stop working.

Feliciano was preceded by Richie Lecea, a singer and guitarist from California. Lecea sang ballads and catchy

tunes and put the audience in a high mood.

The 1,500 in attendance Saturday, judging by the non-stop approval of every note he sang and played, can't wait until Feliciano comes by again.

WEATHER

VANCOUVER (CP) — High-low temperatures issued Monday by the weather office and precipitation (in millimetres) for the previous 24 hours:

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| Penticton | 34 16 | — |
| Revelstoke | 30 14 | 1.6 |
| Vancouver | 18 12 | 0.6 |
| Prince Rupert | 15 10 | 2.3 |
| Stewart | 17 11 | 10.4 |
| Port Hardy | 14 10 | 1.4 |
| Tofino | 13 10 | 0.6 |
| Comox | 18 14 | 1.8 |
| Victoria | 19 12 | — |
| Prince George | 25 12 | 0.1 |
| Blue River | 30 12 | 11.4 |
| Kamloops | 32 16 | 17.2 |
| Dawson City | 22 3 | — |
| Whitehorse | 20 7 | 7.8 |
| Fort St. John | 22 12 | 1.4 |
| Yellowknife | 23 16 | — |
| Inuvik | 24 7 | — |
| Lethbridge | 28 12 | — |
| Medicine Hat | 28 17 | — |
| Edmonton | 27 14 | — |
| Calgary | 28 12 | — |
| Saskatoon | 22 10 | — |
| Moose Jaw | 22 7 | — |
| Regina | 20 10 | — |
| Winnipeg | 18 10 | 1.0 |
| Thunder Bay | 21 9 | 8.4 |
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